

**CORRESPONDENCE
IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 26, 2004**

I. MAYOR

- *1. Washington Report - July 16, 2004.
- *2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Presents Awards Of Excellence For May and June - (See Release)
- *3. E-Mail from Corrie Kielty/cc to Council - RE: Northeast Constituents Meeting - Thursday, July 22nd - (See E-Mail)

II. CITY CLERK

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

PATTE NEWMAN

- 1. OUTSTANDING Request to Ernie Castillo, Wynn Hjermsstad, Marc Wullschleger, Urban Development Department/ Terry Bundy, LES/ Allan Abbott, Public Works & Utilities Director/Mike DeKalb, Marvin Krout, Planning Department/Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director - RE: Signs or banners identifying individual neighborhoods - (For Witherbee and Eastridge area) - (RFI#20 - 3/24/04). — 1.) **SEE RESPONSE FROM TERRY BUNDY, LES RECEIVED ON RFI#20 - 4/12/04.**
- 2. OUTSTANDING Request to Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Dennis Bartels, Allan Abbott, Public Works/ Tonya Skinner, Dana Roper, City Law Dept./Marvin Krout, Planning - RE: A resident of the Easthart Neighborhood a problem they had in their development - the commons area between 78th St. & Maxey School - (RFI#21- 4/29/04). — 1.) **SEE RESPONSE FROM DENNIS BARTELS, PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ON RFI#21 - 5/24/04. — 2.) Response from Dennis Bartels, PW received on RFI#21 - 06/04/04 (Same response as 1.) — 3.) SEE RESPONSE FROM TONYA SKINNER, CITY LAW DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ON RFI#21 - 7/14/04.**

3. OUTSTANDING Request to **Allan Abbott, Public Works & Utilities Director/** Dana Roper, City Law Department - RE: The Infrastructure Financing Meeting on 5/18/04 - subject of wheel tax was raised (RFI#24 - 5/19/04). — 1.) **SEE RESPONSE FROM MARGARET BLATCHFORD, CITY LAW DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ON RFI#24 - 7/19/04.**
4. OUTSTANDING Request to Marc Wullschleger (UD)// Kit Boesch (Human Services) // **Dana Roper (Law)** RE: A concern that College Students may be usurping Low-Income Public Housing from the Poor. (RFI #25 - 06-23-04). — 1.) **SEE RESPONSE FROM KIT BOESCH, HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR RECEIVED ON RFI#25 - 7/02/04. — [NOTE: Response from Marc Wullschleger, Urban Development Director to RFI#25 received on 7/16/04 - RE: College Students Usurping Low Income Public Housing from the Poor -Response listed on the Directors' Addendum for 7/19/04.]**

TERRY WERNER

1. OUTSTANDING Request to **PW/Planning** - RE: Inquiry from Jay Petersen on Kajan Drive - Public or Private Roadway, plus Surface Rehabilitation Process (RFI #130-6-15-04).
2. OUTSTANDING Request to **Vince Mejer, Purchasing Agent** - RE: Notice to Bidders #04-110 – Television Equipment (RFI#132 - 6/16/04).
3. OUTSTANDING Request to **Marvin Krout, Planning Director** - RE: Opening Fletcher Avenue to 14th Street (RFI#133 - 6/16/04). — 1.) **SEE RESPONSE FROM DENNIS BARTELS, PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ON RFI#133 - 7/01/04.**
4. Request to Allan Abbott, Public Works & Utilities Director/Larry Worth, StarTran - RE: HandiVan Service to Coaches, 640 W. Prospector Ct. (RFI#134 - 6/21/04). — 1.) **SEE RESPONSE FROM LARRY WORTH, STARTRAN RECEIVED ON RFI#134 -6/24/04.**

GLENN FRIENDT

1. OUTSTANDING Request to **Lynn Johnson, Parks & Rec. Director** - RE: South Salt Creek Community Organization concerns (RFI#33-5/25/04).

2. Request to Don Herz, Finance Director/Dana Roper, City Attorney - RE: Constituent inquiry regarding the proposed bond issue (RFI#34 - 7/13/04). — 1.) **RESPONSE FROM DON HERZ, FINANCE DIRECTOR RECEIVED ON RFI#34-7/19/04. -(Council received their copies of this RFI Response #34 at the Pre-Council Meeting regarding Council Deliberations on Mayor's Recommended Budget scheduled at 9:00 a.m. on June 19th).**
3. Request to Don Herz, Finance Director/Steve Hubka, City Budget Officer - RE: Fire Equipment Lease-Purchase (RFI#35 - 7/19/04). — 1.) **SEE RESPONSE FROM DON HERZ, FINANCE DIRECTOR RECEIVED ON RFI#35 - 7/22/04.**

JONATHAN COOK

1. **OUTSTANDING** Request to **Weed Control/Public Works & Utilities Department/ Parks & Recreation Department** - RE: Maintaining of ROW along W Van Dorn - (RFI#114 - 6/14/04).
2. **OUTSTANDING** Request to Steve Masters, Lincoln Water System, PW - RE: Lead in Water - (RFI#116 - 7/06/04). — 1.) **SEE RESPONSE FROM NICK McELVAIN, OPERATIONS SUPPORT MANAGER, LINCOLN WATER SYSTEM RECEIVED ON RFI#116 - 7/20/04.**

JON CAMP

- *1. E-Mail from Mike & Carol Laughlin to Jon Camp - RE: Matching bike trails funding - (See E-Mail)

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- *1. Memo from Cori Beattie to City Clerk Joan Ross & County Clerk Bruce Medcalf - RE: Agenda Item - JBC Recommendations - (See Memo)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT/CITY TREASURER

- *1. Material from Don Herz, Finance Director & Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer - RE: Resolution & Finance Department Treasurer of Lincoln, Nebraska - Investments Purchased July 12, 2004 thru July 16, 2004.

LIBRARY

- *1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Library Updates Internet Policy - Filtered Internet Access Available - (See Release)

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- *1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: More Disaster Cleanup Volunteers Needed This Weekend - (See Release)

PLANNING

- *1. Annexation by Ordinance - Effective: June 29, 2004 - Ordinance No. 18377 - 24.8 Acres.
- *2. Annexation by Ordinance - Ordinance No. 18388 - Effective: July 6, 2004 - 4.0 Acres.
- *3. Annexation by Ordinance - Ordinance No. 18391 - Effective: July 13, 2004 - 91.7 Acres.
- *4. Annexation by Ordinance - Ordinance No. 18393 - Effective: July 13, 2004 - 60.2 Acres.
- *5. Letter from Becky Horner to Mike Johnson, Olsson Associates - RE: Northern Lights 14th Addition Final Plat #04041.
- *6. Response E-Mail from Brian Will to Patte Newman - RE: Risky's bar - (See E-Mail)

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- *1. Letter from Allan Abbott to Danny Walker, President, South Salt Creek Community Organization - RE: The sanitary sewer project along 4th Street - (See Letter)
- *2. Memo & Material from Steve Masters - RE: Salt Valley Relief Trunk Project - (Phase IIb & IIIa) (See Material)

URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- *1. REPORT - RE: The North 48th Street/University Place Redevelopment Plan - A Neighborhood Revitalization and Transportation Analysis - adopted by City Council on 6/7/04. - (Report on file in the City Council Office)

WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY

- *1. Combined Weed Program - City of Lincoln - June 2004 Monthly Report.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

- *1. Letter from Paul L. Sweeney, Mid Atlantic Rep. - RE: Our company has submitted a proposal to city government to purchase all ATV's and dirt bikes held at the city impound - (See Letter)
- *2. E-Mail from Marco Wagner with response from Joan Ray - RE: Greetings from Germany - (See E-Mail)
- *3. E-Mail from David Draus - RE: Please oppose cutting the monies to connect the downtown bike trail - (See E-Mail)
- *4. E-Mail from Keyy Soden - RE: Parks & Recreation Capital Improvement Budget Cut - (See E-Mail)
- *5. E-Mail from Ed Schnabel - RE: Would like to have an answer to my question I sent in three weeks ago, "Where has all the money gone? - (Council received copies of this E-Mail on 7/19/04 during Council Meeting)(See E-Mail)
- *6. E-Mail from Mike Fitzgerald, President, Witherbee Neighborhood Association - RE: Would appreciate your assistance in assuring that park space lost to the Health Dept. expansion in Woods Park is not lost from the general central Lincoln area - (See E-Mail)
- *7. E-Mail from Tim Harris - RE: Proposed P& R Improvement Budget Cut - (See E-Mail)

- *8. 2 Faxed Letters from Steve Pella, Aguila, Vice President, Nebraska Operations to Mayor Coleen Seng and Mark Bowen - RE: Today (July 19, 2004) Aquila announced that it has reached agreement with insurers and is initiating the process to terminate two prepaid natural gas supply contracts that Aquila Merchant Services had entered into with the American Public Energy Agency (APEA) based in Lincoln - (letters are the same, addressed to two different people) (See Letters)
- *9. Letter from Michael James, President, Woods Park Neighborhood Association - RE: Due to the expansion of the Health Department into Woods Park, valuable heart of the city, park land is being lost - brought to our attention that there is vacant land for sale in the adjoining neighborhood, strongly support the purchase of the property at Randolph Square - (See Letter)
- *10. E-Mail from Craig Hoffman - RE: The recent validation of Petition Signatures on smoking ban - (See E-Mail)
- *11. E-Mail from Mark A. Hesser, Pinnacle Bank-Lincoln - RE: \$75 million dollar bond issue and special election - thank-you all for your support - (See E-Mail)
- *12. Letter from Hobert B. Rupe, Executive Director, State of Nebraska Liquor Control Commission to Simera Reynolds, State Executive Director, MADD - RE: To reiterate the Commissions' current position-Requesting legislative changes to Neb. Rev. Stat., Sec. 53-132 are being considered by the Commission. As of yet, no draft is completed.- (See Letter)
- *13. Letter & Material from Dale Michels, MD, EMS, Inc. Board President - RE: Writing on behalf of the EMS, Inc. Board of Directors in reference to Lincoln Fire and Rescue's request to increase their ambulance rates - (See Material)
- *14. Letter & Resolution from Larry D. Maresh, Deputy Director for Administration, Lincoln Airport Authority - RE: Resolution No. 452 stating that no tax levy should be made for airport purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004 - (See Material)
- *15. E-Mail from Karl J. Zinnecker - RE: Bike Trails Need More \$\$ Not Less - (See E-Mail)
- *16. E-Mail from Joan Miller - RE: Keep Lincoln smoke free! - (See E-Mail)

IV. DIRECTORS

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER UNTIL AUGUST 2, 2004.**

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Senate Telecom Bill Poses Serious Threat

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Telecommunications

Senate panel to consider dangerous VOIP bill.

The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee has scheduled a mark up next week of legislation (S 2881) that poses a serious threat to the entire regulatory structure of the telecommunications industry, including most state and local regulations addressing public safety, consumer protections and universal service and most state and local revenue collected from telecommunications providers.

Introduced by Senator John Sununu (R-NH), S 2881 would bar all state and local regulation of Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP), a new but quickly spreading technology that allows the use of the Internet for traditional voice telephone service. The bill would also place major restrictions on federal regulation of the technology, essentially limiting the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to requiring VOIP providers to contribute to the federal Universal Service Fund and allowing the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to "prevent unfair or deceptive acts or practices," though the next paragraph prohibits the FTC from issuing any regulations to do so.

In essence, S 2881 would allow VOIP providers to operate free of almost all federal, state and local regulation. With telecommunications providers increasingly shifting to VOIP, the bill threatens to undermine the entire regulatory regimen governing the telecommunications industry.

Perhaps the biggest concern for local governments and perhaps the most outrageous portion of the bill is language that would prohibit state and local governments from collecting E911 surcharges or obtaining database information from VOIP providers for operation of emergency calling services. The bill would further undermine public safety by

putting into question whether state and local law enforcement officials could use electronic surveillance of VOIP for investigating criminal activity.

In addition, the bill would bar states from collecting state universal service fees from VOIP providers, shifting the burden of funding state universal service programs to users of traditional telephone technology who will presumably be located in traditionally under served and economically challenged urban neighborhoods and rural areas.

S 2281 would also undermine all state and local consumer protection and universal service laws and regulations, pose a threat to customer privacy laws and threaten the popular and successful "Do Not Call" law passed by Congress last year.

Most ominously, S 2881 is the latest in a long string of attempts by the telecommunications industry to undermine state and local government collection of franchise and other fees from telecommunications providers for the use of public rights-of-way. S 2881 also poses a threat to sales and a host of other taxes that state and local governments currently collect from telecommunications providers.

The Committee is expected to consider the bill next Tuesday. Local government organizations are urging Senators to take a cautious and considered approach over how best to adapt current regulatory schemes to this new technology.

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Budget

House moves forward with FY 2005 spending bills while Senate leaders hope for an omnibus measure in September. The House stayed on course this week to meet Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young's (R-FL) goal of having 11 of the 13 FY 2005 appropriations bills approved on the floor prior to the start of the chamber's summer recess.

However, over in the Senate leaders have conceded that consideration of each of the 13 measures individually will be impossible given time constraints and are looking to consider wrapping many of them into a single "omnibus" measure to be considered upon their return to Washington in September.

With the approval of three spending bills (Agriculture, Foreign Operations, and Legislative Branch) on the floor this week, the House has now approved 8 of the 13 bills heading into the final week of business before adjourning for the summer on July 23. House leaders expect to approve at least two of the five remaining bills, although measures that are particularly important to local governments (VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies; Transportation-Treasury; and Labor, HHS, Education) are not expected to be considered on the floor until September.

The Senate meanwhile has only approved one FY 2005 measure on the floor (Defense) and approved another three (Homeland Security; Military Construction; and Legislative Branch) on the committee level. Plans to take up several bills on the subcommittee level last week were scrapped because Democrats would not agree to an unprecedented request by Republicans to expedite floor consideration of the bills, thus preventing Senators from introducing amendments to increase funding for programs.

As a result, Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens (R-AK) announced this week that he would wrap all of the measures approved by the House

prior to the recess into an omnibus appropriations bill that would be brought to the Senate floor for a vote in early September. Since the HUD, Transportation, and Labor-HHS bills are not scheduled for floor approval by the House until September, it is likely that funding for programs in those agencies would not be finalized until after the November elections.

Stevens is also considering a tactic that could protect the spending bills from amendments to increase funding over White House-imposed budget caps in the absence of a FY 2005 budget resolution.

Depending on how the elections turn out (a change in the White House and/or control of Congress), those decisions could be delayed until early next year. Such a scenario would not be out of the question, given that FY 2004 funding for many agencies was not finalized until February of this year due to both intra-party and partisan disputes.

Transportation

House panel clears transportation spending bill, negotiations at standstill on TEA-21 Reauthorization bill. The House Transportation-Treasury Appropriations Subcommittee yesterday approved the FY 2005 transportation spending bill, providing \$34.6 billion for highways and \$7.05 billion for transit programs. Appropriators initially thought more funding would be available for the highway and transit programs, however, Subcommittee Chairman Ernest Istook (R-OK) informed members that due to new scoring figures from the Congressional Budget Office, they would have \$1 billion less to work with.

Even with the funding cuts, the \$34.6 billion in highway funding is \$1 billion more than the Administration's request and \$1 billion more than was allocated in FY 2004. Appropriators were not as generous with the transit program, providing far less than the White House's \$7.3 billion request. Feeling the brunt of

transit cuts was the New Starts program, which will receive \$286 million less than FY 2004 funding levels. Istook indicated that all projects with full-funding grant agreements and the three projects in New York, Las Vegas and Phoenix that are expected to reach an agreement within the next 6 months would receive funds.

In addition, the spending bill provides \$14 billion for the Federal Aviation Administration, which is \$53 million more than the Administration's request and \$169 million more than allocated in FY 2004. Individual program funding totals include: \$3.5 billion for the Airport Improvement Program, \$2.5 billion for the Facilities and Equipment Program and \$102 million for the Essential Air Service Program.

Appropriations also provided \$900 million for Amtrak, a sharp cut from the \$1.225 billion approved in FY 2004. Language was also included in the bill directing Amtrak to repay \$100 million in loans (essentially reducing the recommendation to \$800 million) and devote a minimum of \$500 million to the Northeast Corridor.

In related news, lawmakers tasked with producing a final version of the TEA-21 Reauthorization made little progress in reaching a compromise on the total price tag of the six-year surface transportation bill. Conference Committee Chairman James Inhofe (R-OK) scheduled and subsequently canceled two meetings hoping to receive a counter offer from House conferees to the Senate passed \$318 billion funding total. Rumors circulated this week regarding a six-year \$295 billion bill, however Senate Democrats have stated that they would not accept any figure under the Senate figure.

With the current temporary extension of existing law set to expire on July 31, and with both chambers set to adjourn for the August recess on July 23, conferees will only have five legislative days to produce a final version of the bill. It is anticipated that both chambers will pass a two-month extension next week, giving conferees until the end of September to complete work on the surface transportation bill.

Job Training

House appropriators call for slight increase for job training programs. The House Appropriations Committee approved an FY 2005 funding bill for the Labor Department that would provide slight increases for most job training programs of interest to local governments. The Committee made few changes from the bill approved last week at the subcommittee level.

As reported last week, the Adult Training Block Grant would receive \$900 million, a \$1 million increase from FY 2004. The Youth Training Block Grant would be funded at \$1.1 billion, a \$5 million increase. Programs to assist dislocated workers would stay level funded at \$1.1 billion. The Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers Program would also receive level funding, \$76 million, despite the Administration's proposal to eliminate it. After a large increase last year, Job Corps would grow only negligibly, receiving a \$1 million increase to \$1.5 billion.

During consideration of the bill, the Committee rejected an amendment on a party line vote offered by Ranking Democrat David Obey (D-WI) that would have added an additional \$126 million to the bill for dislocated worker assistance. The Committee also rejected another Obey amendment, again on a party line vote, that would have prohibited the Labor Department from implementing its new regulations related to overtime pay. The second amendment, a priority for organized labor, is sure to resurface during floor consideration of the bill if allowed by the Rules Committee. The Senate included a similar amendment in its version of the bill last year and will likely do so again this year. The Senate provision was dropped in Conference Committee under threat of a veto by the White House despite a House vote instructing its conferees to agree to the Senate provision.

The House will likely pass the bill, which also funds the Departments of Health and Human Services and Education, next week. However, the overtime issue combined

with serious policy disagreements ranging from education funding to abortion issues to funding for cancer research will once again make this bill the most controversial and difficult of the 13 appropriations bills for the Senate to pass.

Human Services

House panel clears HHS spending bill. The FY 2005 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations were approved this week by the House Appropriations Committee. There were no substantive funding revisions made to legislation that was considered last week on the subcommittee level, which authorized \$142.5 billion in discretionary spending, \$3.1 billion more than FY 2004.

A heated debate occurred during the markup on an amendment by Rep. Dave Weldon (R-FL) relating to abortion, which ultimately passed by a narrow vote. The language would not allow state and local governments to receive **any funds from the bill** if "such agency, program or government subjects any institutional or individual health care entity to discrimination on the basis that the health care entity does not provide, pay for, provide coverage of, or refer for abortions." For state and local governments the amendment represents a significant intrusion into local authority.

Although bill sponsors hoped to have the bill on the House floor next week, the controversial abortion issue along with the packed House schedule may prevent the House from passing the bill or even debating the bill on the floor until after the August recess.

Details on funding levels for HHS programs can be found in last week's Washington Report, dated July 9, 2004.

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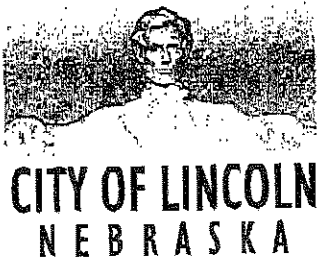
Environmental Protection Agency, July 14: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced the opening of competition for the Clean Air Excellence Awards Program (CAEAP). The purpose of the program is to honor outstanding, innovative efforts that help to make progress in achieving cleaner air. The CAEAP is open to public and private entities of the United States. Entrants should submit a CAEAP entry form, included in the CAEAP entry packet, which can be obtained at www.epa.gov/oar/caaac by clicking on "Awards Program." All submission of entries must be postmarked by September 17, 2004. (*Federal Register*, Pages 42157-42158)

Department of Health and Human Services, July 14: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announce the availability of funds for the Evaluation of Innovative Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Prevention Interventions for High-Risk Minority Populations Program. The purpose of this program is to support evaluations by community-based organizations of existing innovative HIV behavioral interventions that have already been developed and are being implemented to help minority populations that are at high-risk for acquiring HIV infection. The total funding is \$2 million with \$1 million awarded in FY 2004. Approximately three to four awards will be given with an average award amount of \$300,000 for one year. The project period length is two years. Eligible applicants include community-based organizations, including faith-based organizations, which provide HIV prevention services to high-risk minority communities. Applications are due by August 13, 2004. Please access www.cdc.gov for more information. (*Federal Register*, Pages 42183-42190)

Department of Justice, July 16: The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has announced the availability of funds for the Safe Start: Promising Approaches for Children Exposed to Violence Program. The

purpose of the program is to help local communities in implementing joint cross-agency strategies to reduce the impact of children's exposure to violence, particularly children aged 6 years and younger, and their families. The program's goal is to improve access to and enhance the quality and delivery of these services. Up to 14 applicants will be selected to receive a maximum of \$210,000. The funds must be divided to provide up to \$200,000 for intervention activities and up to \$10,000 for data collection activities. Eligible applicants include collaborative groups of two or more public agencies (including state, local and tribal governments) and/or private organizations that agree to waive any profit or fee. Applications are due electronically by September 10, 2004. For more information, please access <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/funding/FundingDetail.asp?fi=16>. (OJJDP Website)

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), July 16: DHS, Office of Research and Development and the EPA, Office of Research and Development have announced the availability of funds for a Cooperative Center of Excellence on the Methods and Science to Conduct Microbial Risk Assessment and Support in Homeland Security Objectives. The purpose of the program is to support one award for a Center that will address critical methodological and data gaps that are limiting the Nation's ability to complete credible microbial risk assessments for bio-threat agents. The available funding is \$2 million a year for a five-year period, totaling \$10 million. Eligible applicants include institutions of higher education and not-for-profit institutions located in the U.S., and tribal, state and local governments. Applications are due by October 20, 2004. For more information on the program, please access http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2004/2004_microbial_risk.html#Eligibility. (EPA Website)



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MAYOR PRESENTS AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE FOR MAY AND JUNE

Mayor Coleen Seng today presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence for May to a team from three different City departments: Jay Edmiston, of Public Works and Utilities, Dave Bomberger, of Parks and Recreation and Leon Marquart, of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. The Mayor also presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence for June to Donnamarie Jones of the Police Department. The monthly awards recognize City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City. The awards were presented at the beginning of today's City Council meeting.

Edmiston is a Public Works Inspector and has been employed by the City since 1972.
Bomberger is a District Park Supervisor and has been employed by the City since 1968.
Marquart is an Environmental Health Specialist and has been employed by the City since 1989.
The three were nominated in the category of productivity by Scott Holmes of the Health Department for their efforts to combat the West Nile virus.

In 2002, the West Nile virus resulted in 16 reported cases and one death in the City of Lincoln. As the summer of 2003 approached, there were indications that the number of West Nile cases would be a major health risk in the community. Although the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department was engaged in a comprehensive West Nile prevention campaign, officials decided a city-wide adult mosquito spraying program was needed.

The City had not sprayed for mosquitos for more than 30 years and had no equipment or employees who were experienced in operating a spray program. The program also had to be in place within 90 days in order to protect the community. Funds were allocated to purchase the equipment, and the team traveled to St. Paul, Minnesota for intensive training. Spraying was conducted in Lincoln for more than 30 days, and in that time no claim or valid complaint was received about the operation of the program.

"What a tribute to these individuals, to implement a spray program for the size of the City of Lincoln in less than 90 days," wrote Holmes. "The final number of reported West Nile virus cases in Lancaster County was 129 with two deaths. There is no doubt that, due to the efforts of Jay, Dave and Leon, the number of people that would have contracted West Nile Virus disease was reduced significantly."

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Jones is a Service Desk Supervisor and just celebrated her 26th anniversary with LPD. She was nominated by Captain Jon Sundermeier on behalf of the LPD Awards Committee in the category of productivity. Jones was recently named the 2004 Civilian Employee of the Year by the Police Department and has served the department in both the Operations and Support Divisions.

The LPD Awards Committee states that Jones continued to excel in all aspects of performance this past year as her supervisory responsibilities expanded to ten individuals. Police Chief Tom Casady says Jones does an excellent job of negotiating, problem-solving and creating a sense of teamwork. Her duties include:

- working as a trainer with new employees;
- serving as a Police Service Specialist, taking more than 500 reports last year;
- running the Channel 50 radio operations;
- overseeing the processing of warrants;
- working the football detail; and
- serving on the LPD Civilian Hiring and Policy Review committees.

Jones has volunteered to assist with the Lincoln Marathon crew for years. She received a commendation for her role in Amnesty Day. She also has worked as a referee for the City Parks and Recreation Department for 36 years. Chief Casady says LPD is grateful for her dedication, loyalty, commitment and caring throughout her career, but this year she has proven herself particularly deserving of our appreciation.

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are customer relations, valor, safety and loss prevention. All City employees are eligible for the Mayor's Award of Excellence except for elected officials and some managers. Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public.

Nomination forms are available from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Personnel Department, which oversees the awards program. All nominations are reviewed by the Mayor's Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a \$100 U.S. savings bond, a day off with pay and a plaque. Monthly winners are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a \$500 U.S. savings bond, two days off with pay and a plaque.



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Subject: Re: Fw: Northeast Constituents Meeting - THURSDAY JULY 22nd

It may interest everyone in the Hawley area to know that when the City Council made preliminary cuts to the Mayor's budget yesterday, there were a number of cuts that were slated for the Antelope Valley Project. It wasn't obvious, I don't think, when they cut 2 positions in the Parks & Rec. department or all intermediate parks workers, that it would affect Antelope Valley. The Council also moved Parks Projects out of the CIP. Much of the parks cut was made in the form of moving budgets from General Fund Tax Revenue to Keno funds. Well, if you use Keno Funds for what you were going to use General Revenue then the projects that were slated for Keno funds are obviously not going to be funded. There were many cuts as well to the Urban Development Department.

Unfortunately, it is rather difficult to discern exactly how this affects Antelope Valley at this time. However, it is easy to realize that if new projects are cut, that's where they are. Also, if Antelope Valley is cut from the City side it is those community improvement projects not the Channel. It could also affect the look of the roadway and the bridges.

Just wanted to give everyone a heads up if they are going to meetings regarding the budget (the public hearing is August 9th at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers), you ought to know what's happening in regard to Antelope Valley and the budget.

At the very least you ought to be asking questions.

Corrie

Peggy Struwe

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cc:

Subject: Fw: Northeast Constituents Meeting - THURSDAY JULY 22nd

Patte Newman has invited staff to talk about the budget process to her monthly meeting. If you would like to hear more, you are invited to attend.

Peggy Struwe

----- Forwarded by Peggy Struwe/IS/UNL/UNEBR on 07/20/2004 08:56 AM -----

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Subject Northeast Constituents Meeting - THURSDAY JULY 22nd

JULY 22ND - CITIZENS' MEETING

Well, it's that time of year again - Budget Time! We have invited Don Herz, the Finance Director for the City of Lincoln, and the City's Budget Director, Steve Hubka, to join us this month to explain the Budget process and to answer any questions you might have regarding the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2004-05.

Both Don and Steve have extensive experience and expertise in the field of Finance. We feel that Lincoln is fortunate to have men of their caliber on staff during these difficult financial times. We know that Don and Steve both look forward to this opportunity to address the concerns of our Citizens on this very important issue.

Please join us on:

Thursday, July 22, 2004

5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Victor E. Anderson Branch Library
3635 Touzalin Avenue

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

TO Patte Newman

DATE July 19, 2004

DEPARTMENT City Council

FROM Margaret Blatchford

ATTENTION

DEPARTMENT City Law

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SUBJECT RFI #24

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In response to your RFI #24 regarding the structure of the wheel tax you asked the following:

What are the differences in the wheel tax categories and if individuals are using smaller, lighter pickups for normal commuting use, is it time to take a look at reclassification? You also asked in a follow up request, whether the categories are based on state law and whether the categories are based on the weight or type of the vehicle.

Response:

The Wheel Tax is set forth by city ordinance in LMC 3.20. There are several categories defined under LMC 3.20.030. These categories are mirrored by state law pursuant to state registration categories found in Nebraska Revised Statutes 60-301, et al. Lancaster County collects the city wheel tax pursuant to an agreement with the city in conjunction with their collection for state motor vehicle registration. A state computer program assists the county in the collection of the state licensing and city wheel tax. Thus, changing classifications would be extremely difficult for the county to pursue because city classifications are a reflection of state classifications.


For the most part, the classifications appear to be based on type and weight depending on the circumstance. For example, passenger cars with nine people or less carries a wheel tax of \$44 whereas a passenger car of nine or more is \$88 if used for hire. Trucks having a gross vehicle weight of four tons or less, which would include a smaller or lightweight pickup, would be assessed a wheel tax in the amount of \$66. Trucks weighing four tons or more would be assessed \$88. A truck is assessed more than a car because it can haul equipment or materials and would prove to create more wear and tear on the road. An SUV is normally licensed as a car at \$44 unless the owner is going to use it for hauling purposes as a business and would license it as a pickup.

There is nothing legally that would prevent the city council from proposing a more equitable wheel tax between pickups and cars. You can either lower the amount on pickups or increase the amount on cars. However, it would be extremely difficult, according to the county's response to my questions, to create a reclassification to create a new classification for smaller lightweight pickups or SUV's because the state classification does not have those in their program.

The revenue created by the wheel tax is reported in one lump sum. The county does not track the wheel tax by specific category type.

MMB/tb

Memo

To: Glenn Friendt, City Council
From: Don Herz, Finance Director 
CC: City Council
Mayor's Office
Date: July 16, 2004
Re: RFI #34 – Proposed Bond Issue

This is in response to your inquiry about changing the method of taxing property owners for the proposed bond issue. Your inquiry centers on changing the method of taxing property from the proportional basis that currently exists to a progressive basis, which would be similar to the income tax.

While this is primarily a legal question, it is my understanding that the State Constitution requires that property taxes be levied on a uniform and **proportional** basis. Beyond the constitutional issue is the ability for the County Assessor to levy a tax for a portion of the City's debt service on a progressive basis and the remainder of the existing debt service on a proportional basis.

In addition, there currently exists a homestead exemption that assists individuals with lower income levels to have a portion; or, their entire property tax bill eliminated. It would appear that this is a fairer way of providing property tax relief. It provides relief for levies from all taxing entities and does not produce a windfall for certain taxpayers who may own multiple parcels of property, each which would not be taxed for the first \$50,000 of valuation as suggested in your example.

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Referred to: Don Herz, Finance Director/Dana
Roper, City Attorney

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
COUNCIL OFFICE

By: Glenn Friendt - #34
(Council Member)

July 13, 2004
Date

REQUEST: RE: Constituent inquiry regarding the proposed bond issue

Would you please respond to the attached Memo and send me a copy of the
response. Thanks.

-Glenn Friendt

cc: Mayor's Office

RESPONSE (Indicate action taken): By: Date

COMMENTS:

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GLENN FRIENDT

City Council Member At Large

RFI #34

DATE: July 13, 2004

FROM: Glenn Friendt

TO: Don Herz
Dana Roper

RE: RFI / Constituent inquiry re the proposed bond issue


Per a constituent inquiry can you please provide an opinion on the feasibility of providing language in the proposed bond issue that would assess property owners progressively based upon property value and provide a base level exemption of \$50,000, for example.

Can you please provide a response prior to the public hearing scheduled for July 19, 2004.

Thanks.

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Memo

To: Glenn Friendt, City Council
From: Don Herz, Finance Director 
CC: City Council
Mayor's Office
Date: July 22, 2004
Re: RFI #35 – Equipment Lease Purchase

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This is in reply to your request of July 19, 2004, regarding the equipment being purchased if Ordinance #04-133 is passed.

The Equipment is as follows:

E911 TELEPHONE SYSTEM

	<u>Total</u>
Digital PBX System from Plant Equipment Co.	286,749
Upgrade telephone Interface from analog to digital	12,000
Uninterrupted Power Supply for 911 Center	<u>30,000</u>
	<u>328,749</u>

1250 GALLON PER MINUTE FIRE PUMPERS

Fire Engines per Purchasing Specification 04-107

	<u>Units</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pumpers, net of trade	7	270,000	1,890,000
Equipment	7	22,000	154,000
			<u>2,044,000</u>
		Total	<u><u>2,372,749</u></u>

The annual payment for the telephone system for 911 is approximately \$72,000 per year for 5 years. The annual payment for the fire pumpers and related equipment is approximately \$220,000 for ten years.

Referred to: Don Herz, Finance Director/Steve Hubka, City Budget Officer

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Glenn Friendt - #35

July 19, 2004

By: _____
(Council Member)

Date _____

RE: Fire Equipment Lease-Purchase
REQUEST: _____

Would you please respond to the attached Memo and send me a copy of the
response. Thanks.

-Glenn Friendt

cc: Mayor's Office

RESPONSE (Indicate action taken):

By: Don Herz

Date 7-22-04

Attached.

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GLENN FRIENDT
City Council Member At Large

RFI #35

DATE: July 19, 2004
FROM: Glenn Friendt
TO: Don Herz
Steve Hubka
RE: RFI / Fire Equipment Lease-Purchase

Ordinance # 04-133, introduced July 19, 2004, calls for the city to authorize and approve a lease-purchase agreement to purchase fire trucks, related fire equipment and telephonic and electronic equipment and software.

Please provide a detailed itemized listing of all items being recommended for purchase and projected annual payments.

Thank you.

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Referred to: Steve Masters, Lincoln Water
System

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By: Jonathan Cook - #116
(Council Member)

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REQUEST: RE: Lead in Water

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Would you please respond to the attached E-Mail and send me a copy of the
response. Thanks.

-Jonathan Cook

cc: Mayor's Office

RESPONSE (Indicate action taken):

By:

Nick McElvain
by Jerry Obrien

7/19/04
Date

Please see attached memo response

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To: tgrammer@ci.lincoln.ne.us, smasters@ci.lincoln.ne.us
cc: JRay@ci.lincoln.ne.us
Subject: RFI Re: Lead in Water

Tammy,

Attached is an RFI for the Lincoln Water System.

I'm sending a copy directly to Steve Masters as well.

Jonathan



- Cook RFI 2004-07-06.pdf

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JONATHAN COOK
City Council Member
Southwest District

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

July 6, 2004

To: Steve Masters, Lincoln Water System

Re: Lead in Water

Steve,

Attached in an article from the July 2004 issue of Scientific American that concerned me. What are we doing locally to avoid lead problems that might result from the new disinfection rules?

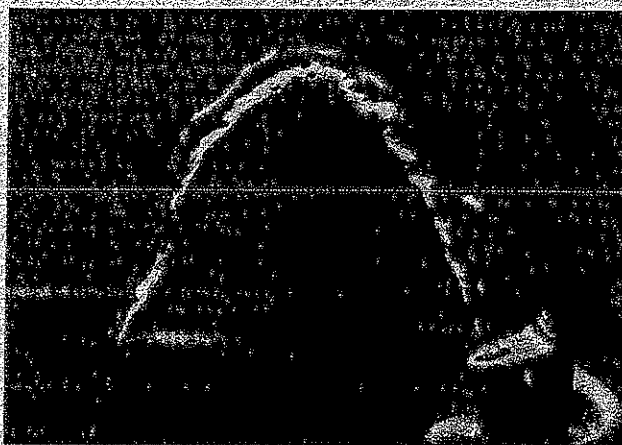
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Leading to Lead

CONFLICTING RULES MAY PUT LEAD IN TAP WATER BY REBECCA RENNER

The public reporting last year of high lead levels in the drinking water in Washington, D.C., has led to a congressional investigation, the firing of a D.C. health official, and calls for a review of the 1991 law that is supposed to keep the neurotoxic metal out of drinking water. That law, however, may not contribute to the problem as much as the changes made to disinfection procedures resulting from another water safety rule. The



TASTE OF METAL Modified disinfection methods may have changed the chemistry of drinking water in Washington, D.C., making it more likely to dissolve lead-encasing minerals in pipes.

conflicting regulations mean that other municipalities may also soon find too much lead coming out of their faucets.

To date, at least 157 houses in D.C. have lead levels at the tap higher than 300 parts per billion (ppb), and thousands more have exceeded the Environmental Protection Agency's limit of 15 ppb. Residents have received contradictory advice about whether tap water is safe to drink and whether replacement of lead service lines will solve the problem.

Lead should not normally enter the flow, because layers of different lead-sparing minerals naturally build up inside the pipes. But these mineral scales act as a trap for lead only as long as they remain insoluble; a sudden shift in water chemistry can change that.

Such a change may have triggered the D.C. problems. In 2000 Washington Aqueduct, the area's water treatment plant, modified its procedures to comply with the 1998 Disinfection Byproducts Rule (DBR), which restricts the presence of so-called halogenated organic compounds in water. These compounds form when disinfectants, particularly chlorine, react with natural organic and inorganic matter in source water and in distribution systems. The DBR directs water companies to make sure that the by-products, which might cause cancer, stay below a certain level.

One of the most common ways to comply with the DBR is to use a mixture of chlorine

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GETTING THE LEAD OUT

Lead service pipes, the smaller pipes that branch out from the mains, are found in many U.S. cities in the Northeast and upper Midwest, according to the most recent national study, a 1990 American Water Works Association report. It tallied approximately 6.4 million lead connections and 3.3 million lead service lines. The report noted that 61,000 lead lines are replaced annually, but even so, millions are probably still in service. Chloramines most likely cause a problem in systems that have lead dioxide scales. Unfortunately, no one knows how many water systems have such scales.

and ammonia—called chloramines—instead of chlorine. Some 30 percent of major U.S. water companies currently take this route, and the proportion will probably grow as limits on disinfection by-products are tightened during the next few years. Because no one has investigated the effects of chloramines on corrosion in drinking-water systems, meeting DBR requirements may mean violating the 1991 lead-copper rule, which sets maximum limits on these metals (for lead, 15 ppb).

Evidence for chloramines' effect on Washington's pipes comes from EPA chemist Michael Schock. He discovered that different mineral scales—especially lead dioxide scales—are particularly vulnerable to changes in water chemistry. With chlorine, Washington's water was highly oxidizing. As a result, the mineral scales that formed consisted of lead dioxide, which Schock has found in every sample of Washington's lead service lines that he has examined. The switch to chloramines lowered the oxidizing potential of D.C.'s water, which probably dissolved the lead dioxide scale and thereby liberated the lead.

Corrosion scientists warned about potential conflicts between the two rules. "We were concerned that drastic changes in water treatment could disturb scales and mobilize metals," says one scientist involved in the investigation of the D.C. lead problem, who asked

not to be named. Another researcher echoed the point: "There was essentially no research concerning interactions between the lead-copper rule and the DBR. There was zero consultation with corrosion scientists even though we screamed for it."

The EPA noted potential conflicts in a 1999 publication entitled *Microbial and Disinfection Byproducts Rules Simultaneous Compliance Guidance Manual*. But the document offers little in the form of specific procedural advice, scientists say.

Virginia Tech engineer Marc Edwards, a former EPA consultant who first called attention to the D.C. problem, has warned the agency and the water industry for years that changes in drinking-water treatment were liable to cause trouble for home plumbing systems. He believes that lead problems may lurk in other cities, too. Chemist Mark Benjamin of the University of Washington concurs, noting that the factors affecting corrosion—the pipe material, the mineral scales and the water quality—are universal in water systems. "It would be remarkable and unlikely to think that these factors just happened to combine in a unique way in Washington," he states.

Rebecca Renner covers environmental sciences from Williamsport, Pa.

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TO: Jonathan Cook, City Council

FROM: NM Nick McElvain, Operations Support Manager, Lincoln Water System

DATE: July 12, 2004

Re: Lead In Water / Disinfection Rules (RFI #3018)

Cc: Mayor Seng, Allan Abbott, Steve Masters, Jerry Obrist, Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Scott Holmes, Karen Sieckmeyer

Issue --

What is being done locally to avoid lead problems with the new disinfection rules.

Conclusions -

- Lead levels in drinking water are not considered to be an issue for LWS at this time, and are well below the action levels set by EPA.
- Testing of samples for lead and copper taken at the customer's tap has been an ongoing activity for the past 12 years.
- Continued attention to changes in water chemistry, including disinfection, is important to our customers and to LWS.

Background -

The City of Lincoln Water System performs sampling for lead in water at the tap from our customer's homes. EPA requires that at least 50 samples are taken once every three years from residential properties that have either:

- lead based solder utilized in the copper pipe fittings (this occurred in houses built from the 1950s until 1987 when lead was banned from solder)
- or lead service pipes (usually lead in the pipe from the main to the stop box, and lead in the pipe before the meter, generally in houses built prior to the 1920s).

The Action Level set for lead in drinking water by EPA is 15 parts per billion (ppb). Our lead sample results since monitoring began in 1992 indicate that lead levels in these target sample locations have ranged from 5 to 9 ppb, with the most recent results in 2001 at 9 ppb. (See **Table of Lead Results at LWS** at the end of this memo.) We are scheduled to perform another set of analysis this summer.

Several conditions influence if lead will dissolve from a pipe network into the drinking water. Generally lead has not been used as a piping material in the public water system, therefore, the piping in the customer's property is the source of lead in drinking water. Factors that contribute to lead in the water are pH, temperature, alkalinity, hardness, and contact time.

Generally Lincoln's water is considered to be moderately hard, with a pH above 7.0, and is scale forming, all characteristics which limit corrosion of lead. A corrosion study conducted in the early 90's, as a result of the first round of lead and copper samples, verified that corrosion control measures were not necessary. Pipeline material corrosion is more often a problem for water supplies that have a soft water, with a lower pH. The water industry advises customers that have lead in their service pipes, to adequately flush their plumbing system before using water for drinking purposes.

The Lincoln Water System has been using chloramines for disinfection continuously since 1938. Because LWS does not plan to change this method of disinfection, we do not expect a change in those water quality parameters that keep our water from being more corrosive. Because we use ground water rather than surface water, we have less potential to form disinfection byproducts. Water systems that treat surface water are making adjustments to their treatment processes to avoid forming disinfection byproducts. The combination of free chlorine with naturally occurring organic matter in the water is usually the cause.

Lincoln Water System is proposing to participate in an American Water Works Association Research Foundation (AWWARF) project entitled "Contribution of Service Line and Plumbing Fixtures to Lead and Copper Rule Issues" (RFP #3018). This project will run from October 2004 through September 2007. We are currently working with Badger Meters (our supplier) to help them evaluate various meter designs to reduce any contributions of lead from meters. We also have a "pilot water plant" (i.e. a miniature scale treatment plant) located at Ashland which allows evaluation of any treatment changes that may be required in the future, prior to implementing changes in our "full scale" water treatment plants.

LWS will continue to monitor lead levels as required by drinking water regulations, monitor water quality parameters, and monitor changes and proposed changes to the drinking water regulations. LWS staff is aware that changes to one part of the treatment process can affect water quality in another part of our system. I have attached a copy of an article, authored by LWS staff and an engineer from Black & Veatch, recently published in a Public Works magazine outlining many of these concerns.

If you have further questions, please contact me at 441-7571.

Table of Lead Results at LWS

Year	ppb
1992	7
1995	9
1998	5
2001	9

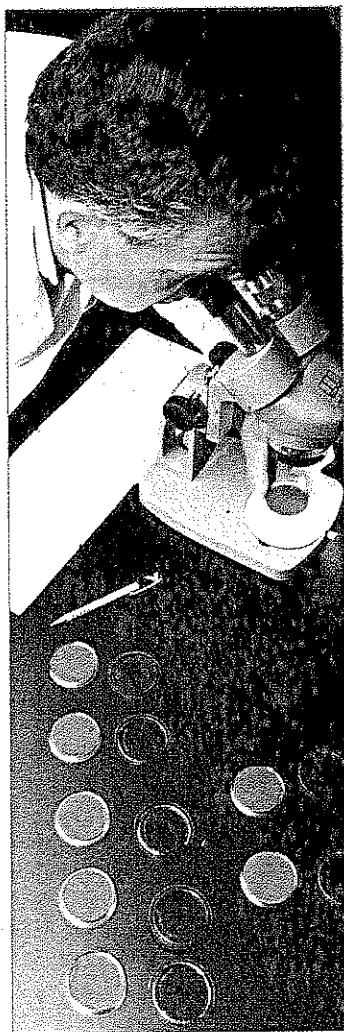
Distribution water quality: the final frontier

Nick McElvain, P.E., Water Operations Support Manager, Lincoln Water System, Lincoln, Nebraska

Eric C. Lee, Assistant Superintendent of Water Production & Treatment - Operations, Lincoln Water System, Ashland, Nebraska

Andrew Hansen, Project Engineer, Black & Veatch, Kansas City, Missouri

Historically, the water quality in the distribution system was perceived to be a direct function of the water treatment process. Drinking water regulations were developed and implemented with focus on reducing or eliminating contaminants during treatment. With the promulgation of the Total Coliform Rule in 1989, the focus has now started to shift toward a two-pronged approach of treatment quality and distribution quality. The intent of the Total Coliform Rule, which requires public water systems to sample and monitor water for the group of bacteria referred to as Total Coliforms and Fecal Coliforms, was to ensure that from a microbiological standpoint, the public was receiving safe, potable water.



Coliform testing

The most common test for coliforms was the membrane filter test. Water was considered safe to drink if it contained less than four coliform colonies per 100 milliliters and showed no evidence of fecal organisms. This standard applied until the limit was changed in 1990 to zero colonies per 100 ml. In 1992 USEPA approved the so-called definitive substrate technologies for detection of the presence/absence of coliforms. This ruling caused a significant change in the coliform testing and monitoring world by making it possible to test for the presence or absence of total coliforms and *E. coli* in one 24-hour procedure. Most utilities have embraced this change, but not without a great deal of controversy.

The Total Coliform Rule will soon undergo review by USEPA, which may result in changes, one of which could be the replacement of the presence/absence of Total Coliforms by the presence/absence of *E. coli*. All affected utilities should be aware of the impending review and utilize the comment period offered by USEPA to provide their input to the rulemaking process.

Disinfection

In order to provide protection against coliforms in the water delivered to consumers, the current trend is to maintain a higher disinfectant residual concentration in the distribution system. Although this has alleviated the risk of microbial contamination, it has aggravated the problem of disinfection by-products (DBPs).

Improved analytical techniques and increased efforts in toxicological testing have raised concerns about DBPs and their possible cancer-causing properties and other adverse health effects. These factors will be considered by USEPA during development of future regulations in an attempt to strike a balance between adequate removal and inactivation of microbial contaminants and the reduction or elimination of DBPs. The two most common methods of reducing DBP formation have been to lower the concentration of naturally occurring organic matter in source water before adding a disinfectant, and to substitute chloramines for free chlorine for maintaining a disinfectant residual in finished water throughout the distribution system. Using both of these measures reduces the amount of regulated DBPs in the finished water delivered to the customers' tap.

Increased attention to the water quality in the distribution system has led to modifications of treatment processes at the plant to ensure a safe and high quality product. After modifications are made at the plant, the focus shifts to maintaining the quality of the finished water in the distribution system. Utilities want their water to be as biologically stable as possible, which means that the water should contain only low numbers of "background" bacteria and should not undergo changes that would encourage growth of bacteria.

The quality of water in the distribution system can be evaluated by a water quality monitoring program. The need for such a program cannot be overemphasized. It should start with a few basic tests to track the microbial activity in the system. Residual chlorine concentration, heterotrophic plate count (HPC), water temperature, alkalinity and pH, and nitrite concentration are key indicators of conditions such as nitrification, stagnant water, and excess nutrients that encourage bacterial growth and regrowth. Test parameters such as Assimilable Organic Carbon (AOC) and Biodegradable Organic Matter (BOD) can be effective means of assessing the biological stability of water. Assessing the sustainability of the chlorine or chloramines residual concentrations throughout the distribution system is another determination that provides valuable information.

Distribution variables

Many of the system variables are analogous to the shelf life of food products at home or at the grocery. Clearly, the condition of the container and the storage environment make a big difference in how long a food product will last. According to research funded

by the American Water Works Association Research Foundation, more than a dozen pipe materials have been used for distribution of water, with each having a unique reaction with the water being transported. Unlined cast iron pipe, for example, is prone to forming iron oxide tubercles, which harbor bacteria that deplete the disinfectant residual, which in turn creates an environment conducive to more bacterial growth. An increase or a change in flow rate, or water hammer caused by system utilization, can stir up the normally hidden bacteria, causing in many cases localized positive results that are unrelated to the quality of the water delivered to the affected area. Understanding how such system variables affect disinfectant residuals and possible positive coliform testing is a challenge for most distribution system operators. Increasing disinfectant residuals for the entire distribution system in many cases may not correct a trouble spot in the system.

Impacts of hydraulic modeling
Until recently, running a hydraulic model of just the skeletonized distribution piping on a PC was a task that took many hours. The models were run for maximum day and maximum hour conditions to determine the improvements necessary for providing adequate distribution pressures and fire flows. Today the models can perform extended simulations, taking into account the velocity and direction of flow in every pipe of the system. The model determines the transport route "container" and transport time "shelf life" of the product being delivered to the customers.

The utility now possesses two valuable pieces of information: sampling feedback and hydraulic model output. This information can best be visualized and interpreted using Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Evaluation of a distribution system by these methods makes it possible to locate trouble spots, and to plan remedial procedures such as unidirectional flushing. It also provides valuable information for developing operational modifications and capital improvement projects that will ultimately lead to a better product.

Conclusions

As drinking water professionals continue working to supply adequate amounts of safe water to their customers, knowing and understanding the dynamics of water quality within a distribution system will be of growing importance. Investing in non-

regulatory water quality testing to gain a better understanding of an existing system will be another choice. Using today's technology to determine where and how portions of the existing piping system may be degrading water quality will become a more important topic in the water industry. Investment in supply and treatment facilities has been the primary focus of water quality capital funding in the past. The "final fron-

tier" will require an equal focus on maintaining or enhancing water quality through improvements to the delivery system.

Nick McElvain can be reached at (402) 441-7571 or at nmcelvain@ci.lincoln.ne.us; Eric C. Lee can be reached at (402) 944-3306 or at elee@ci.lincoln.ne.us; and Andrew Hansen can be reached at (913) 458-3417 or at hansenaj@bv.com.

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IMLaughlin@aol.com

07/19/2004 11:15 PM

To: CAMPJON@aol.com

cc: council@ci.lincoln.ne.us

Subject: Matching bike trails funding

Councilman Jon Camp,

I strongly believe the Antelope Valley trail funding should be left in the budget. The Lincoln trails system is an invaluable legacy for us, our children and grandchildren. The matching \$160,000 federal funding must not be lost as these opportunities do not come along often in a community's lifetime. The price to finish the great Lincoln trails system will only multiply if we wait for a more convenient time. The trails completion will add value to Lincoln in many ways, as a draw for young professionals seeking family and recreational settings, local jobs from the construction, etc. Please support the Antelope Valley trail funding. We'll be eagerly following your discussion and vote on this important issue.

Best regards,

Mike and Carol Laughlin

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Joan Ross, City Clerk
Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk

FROM: Cori Beattie *CB*
County Board Secretary

DATE: July 20, 2004

RE: Agenda Item - JBC Recommendations

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On Tuesday, July 6, 2004, the City-County Common agreed to forward the attached 2004-2005 Joint Budget Committee recommendations to each individual governing body for a vote. Therefore, please schedule the item on next week's City Council/County Board agenda.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 441-7447.

Attachment

cc: City-County Common
Kit Boesch, Human Services Director
Dave Kroeker, County Budget Officer
Steve Hubka, City Budget Officer

JBC 2004-2005 Agency Summary

JBC Approved: 6/4/04
 Common Approved: _____
 City Council Approved: _____
 County Board: _____

Name of Agency	City	County	Total Allocation
Asian Community & Cultural Center	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000
CASA for Lancaster County		\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Cedars, Inc.		\$ 275,000	\$ 275,000
CenterPointe, Inc.		\$ 349,445	\$ 349,445
Child Guidance		\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Family Services	\$ 11,250	\$ 218,750	\$ 230,000
Fresh Start	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000
Friendship Home	\$ 188,490		\$ 188,490
Good Neighbor Center		\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000
Heartland Big Brother/Big Sister	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 30,000
Hispanic Center	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 25,000
Homeless Services	\$ 10,000		\$10,000
House of Hope		\$ 47,138	\$ 47,138
Indian Center	\$ 7,500		\$ 7,500
League of Human Dignity		\$ 66,500	\$ 66,500
Lighthouse	\$ 5,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 20,000
Lincoln Action Program	\$ 17,500	\$ 116,650	\$ 134,150
Lincoln Council on Alcoholism & Drugs		\$ 42,000	\$ 42,000
Lincoln Interfaith Council	\$ 17,500		\$ 17,500
Lincoln Literacy Council	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
Lincoln Medical Education Partnership		\$ 55,650	\$ 55,650
Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 25,000
Malone Center	\$ 35,000		\$ 35,000
Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000
Nebraska Legal Services		\$ 29,050	\$ 29,050
People's City Mission		\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center	\$ 44,100		\$ 44,100
St. Monica's	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 60,000
Volunteer Partners		\$ 5,000	\$5,000
Willard Community Center	\$ 7,500		\$ 7,500
YWCA of Lincoln		\$ 60,320	\$ 60,320
UNL/Public Policy Center	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 70,000
TOTAL	\$ 478,840	\$ 1,525,503	\$ 2,004,343
(31 Agencies)			

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RESOLUTION NO. A-_____

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of
Lincoln, Nebraska:

That the attached list of investments be confirmed and approved, and the City
Treasurer is hereby directed to hold said investments until maturity unless
otherwise directed by the City Council.

INTRODUCED BY:

Approved:

Don Herz, Finance Director

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2004

Mayor

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**FINANCE DEPARTMENT
TREASURER OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA
INVESTMENTS PURCHASED
JULY 12 THRU JULY 16, 2004**

July 12, 2004, we cashed a \$1,242,000 First American Government Obligation Fund at US Bank out of the Short Term Pool. We then invested \$290,000 as follows:

\$90,000	Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust at Union Bank
\$200,000	Treasury Cash Management Fund at Wells Fargo Bank

July 13, 2004, we cashed a \$1,088,000 First American Government Obligation Fund at US Bank out of the Short Term Pool. We then invested in a \$200,000 Treasury Cash Management Fund at Wells Fargo Bank.

Due to a surplus of funds in the Short Term Pool July 14, 2004, we invested \$3,721,000 as follows:

\$375,000	Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust at Union Bank
\$2,280,000	Treasury Cash Management Fund at Wells Fargo Bank
\$1,066,000	First American Government Obligation Fund at US Bank

July 15, 2004, an investment of \$2,500,000 matured and we immediately cashed along with a \$2,300,000 Treasury Cash Management Fund at Wells Fargo Bank for a total of \$4,800,000. We then reinvested \$2,572,000 in the Short Term Pool as follows:

\$72,000	First American Government Obligation Fund at US Bank
\$2,500,000	FHLB, discounted 99.8333%, costing \$2,495,833.33, yielding 1.272955%, maturing September 1, 2004.

Due to a surplus of funds in the Short Term Pool July 16, 2004, we invested \$1,113,000 as follows:

\$713,000	First American Government Obligation Fund at US Bank
\$400,000	Treasury Cash Management Fund at Wells Fargo Bank

We respectfully request approval of our actions.

Don Herz, Finance Director

Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer



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LIBRARY UPDATES INTERNET POLICY

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In order to provide a positive Internet experience to all users, Lincoln City Libraries has begun providing Internet access equipped with filtering technology. Clearly marked computers equipped with filtering technology are available at all libraries along with clearly marked unfiltered computers.

Minors under the age of 17 will continue to need parental/caregiver written approval for unfiltered Internet access; however, users of all ages will be able to use filtered Internet access. Minors who had parental permission to use the Internet prior to the policy change will continue to have unfiltered access to the Internet. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to contact the library for information if they wish to rescind this prior approval.

In order to assure network and user security, all computers in the library's network are protected from infection from malicious Web sites and spyware. Band width is preserved by limiting peer-to-peer file sharing.

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Lincoln - Lancaster County Emergency Management

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LANCASTER COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
575 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 20, 2004

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Dave Norris, Citizen Information Center, 441-7547
Wayne Svoboda, Volunteer Partners, 435-2100

MORE DISASTER CLEANUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THIS WEEKEND

Lancaster County Emergency Management and Volunteer Partners request an additional 500 volunteers per day on Friday, July 23 and Saturday, July 24 to assist in the final stages of the ongoing cleanup in Hallam and other parts of Lancaster County.

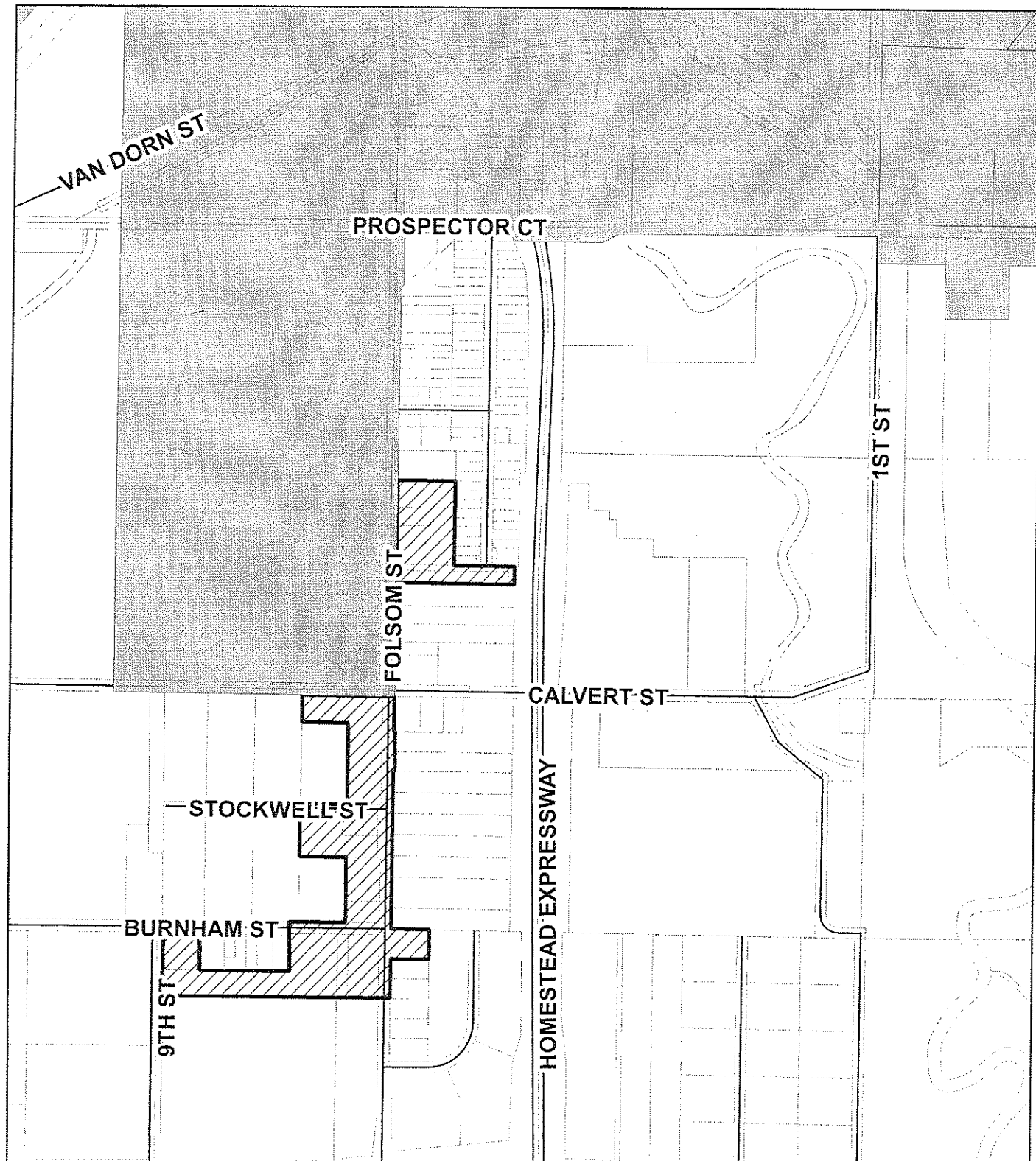
On July 23 and 24, volunteers **must** check in at the Emergency Volunteer Center, now located back to the Princeton Countryside Alliance Church in Princeton.

Volunteers can check in from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 23 and 24. They will be registered at the church and bused to assigned areas for cleanup. Individuals wishing to volunteer will need to wear proper clothing, including gloves and heavy shoes. Sun screen and bug spray are also recommended.



Lunch will be provided for the volunteers on July 23 and 24.

A daily summary and breakdown of volunteers registered in Princeton and Firth, as well as other information regarding the disaster cleanup effort, can be found on the County Web site, lancaster.ne.gov, by clicking on the "Lancaster Co. Disaster Relief Effort" link.

Any groups wanting to volunteer on July 23 and 24 are encouraged to call Volunteer Partners in Lincoln through Thursday at 435-2100 with the group name and group total. On Friday and Saturday, questions or commitments should be directed to the Emergency Volunteer Center in Princeton at 798-7318.



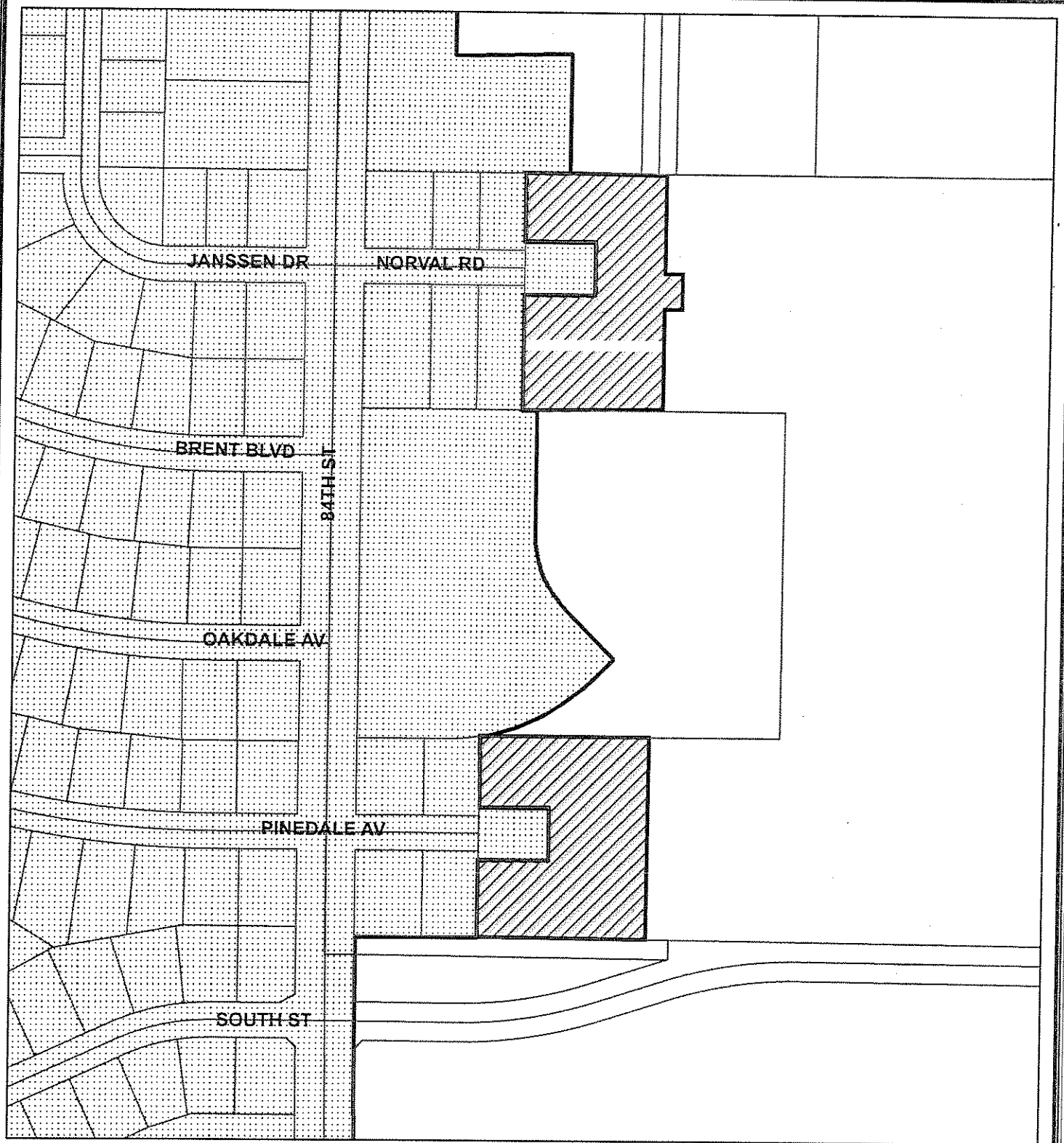
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 Ordinance No 18377
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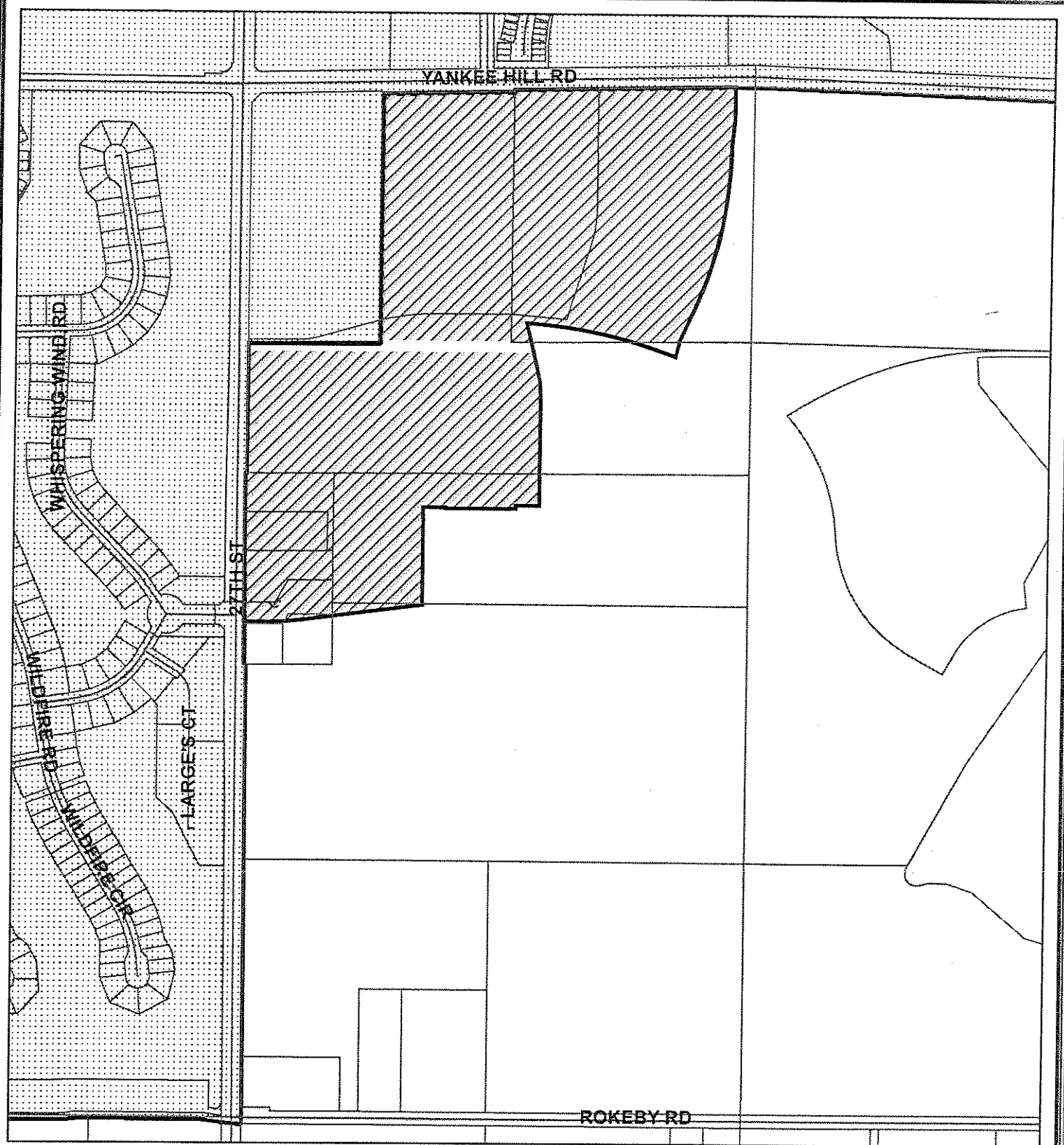


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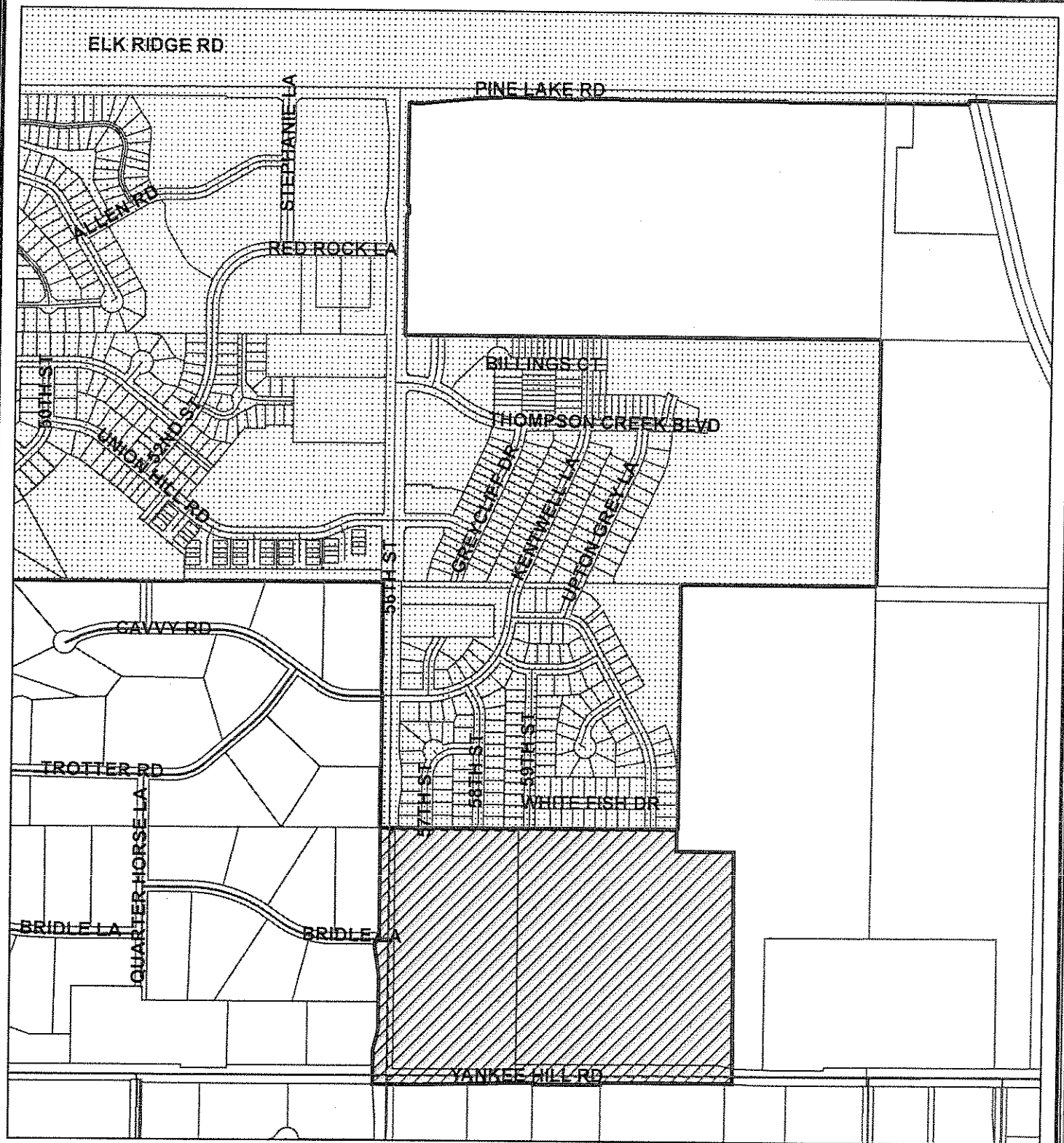


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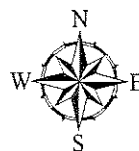


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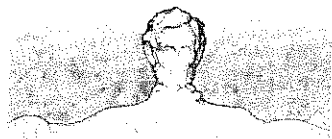


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RE: Northern Lights 14th Addition Final Plat #04041

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Northern Lights 14th Addition was approved by the Planning Director on (date). The plat and the subdivision agreement must be recorded in the Register of Deeds. The fee is determined at \$.50 per **existing** lot and per **new** lot and \$20.00 per plat sheet for the plat, and \$.50 per **new** lot and \$5.00 per page for associated documents such as the subdivision agreement. If you have a question about the fees, please contact the Register of Deeds. Please make check payable to the Lancaster County Register of Deeds. The Register of Deeds requests a list of all new lots and blocks created by the plat be attached to the subdivision agreement so the agreement can be recorded on each new lot.

Pursuant to § 26.11.060(d) of the Lincoln Municipal Code, this approval may be appealed to the Planning Commission and any decision of the Planning Commission to the City Council by filing a letter of appeal within 14 days of the action being appealed. The plat will be recorded with the Register of Deeds after the appeal period has lapsed (date + 14 days), and the recording fee and signed subdivision agreement have been received.

Sincerely,

Becky Horner
Planner

CC: Northern Lights LLC
Joan Ray, City Council (14)
Dennis Bartels, Public Works & Utilities
Terry Kathe, Building & Safety
Sharon Theobald, Lincoln Electric
Jean Walker, Planning
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cc: Mayor
City Council
City Attorney



Brian J Will

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To: Jean L Walker/Notes@Notes
cc:
Subject: Response to Councilperson Patte Newman

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Jean,

Marvin asked me to forward the following to you for distribution as an RFI.

Patte:

I have also spoken with Roger Patton, the owner of Risky's Bar, and I let him know that I talked to you and that I would also get back to him. Regarding the expansion of Risky's Bar to allow a beer garden at North 48th & Leighton Street, staff's finding is this:

The use is approximately 30' away from R6 to the north, and 132' away from R6 to the west. Because the use was established prior to 1994 but does not comply with the requirements now in effect for a special permit for the sale of alcohol (it's less than 100' away from R6, with an access door less than 150' to R6), it is considered nonconforming. While a nonconforming use cannot be expanded by right, LMC provides that it may be expanded by special permit per LMC Section 27.63.280.

Mr. Patton could be allowed to expand the use and construct a beer garden provided he applies for a special permit to allow the expansion of a nonconforming use and it is approved by Planning Commission. I hope this adequately addresses your question, and I will also call Mr. Patton and let him know. Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Patte Newman wrote:

Riskys bar over on 48th & Leighton (or Huntington) in that strip mall where Hy-Vee is wondered how close he is to the apartment complex to his west. He thinks he may be building a beer garden to stay in business. Can you ask the powers-that-be (who is our measuring guru over there?) what the distance is and if there is a possibility for an outdoor beer garden and let me know. I drove over yesterday and the front door is on the west side so that side is what he is thinking would be the easiest for him but I don't have a clue how far he is from residential. His back door is on the north side and the parking lot actually juts further north back there than the rest of the back parking/delivery area so he might possibly have more options on that side although I don't think he is considering it at all. (But I'm wondering because that may be his only option...) Can you check and let me know?

Brian Will
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July 21, 2004

Mr. Danny Walker, President
South Salt Creek Community Organization
427 'E' Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

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Dear Mr. Walker:

The sanitary sewer project along 4th Street has been the subject of several of your recent appearances before the City Council. During these appearances, you have made several inflammatory comments about the lack of cooperation of City Staff, Olsson and Associates and the Contractor for this project. One point that you have made frequently is that the project is behind schedule and that nothing is being done to make the Contractor comply with the schedule for completion. While the project is indeed on the schedule included in the contract and presented to the neighborhood in January, we did indicate in a March News Release for the closure of 4th Street that we expected the road to be closed for approximately 10 weeks. That time has expired and for a number of reasons the closure will need to continue.

In an effort to clear up misunderstandings on this project, City Staff and the Consultant were scheduled to appear at your July 13th meeting; one day after your last appearance before the City Council where you again accused the City of not answering your questions. You then cancelled the meeting without informing those who were to attend. I understand you cancelled this meeting to attend another that you deemed more important, and I understand and appreciate how that can occur. However, you made no mention that the meeting was cancelled during your comments to the City Council on July 12th even though Mr. Masters indicated he and others would be attending the meeting. While this may not have "broken their hearts" as you stated at the July 19th City Council meeting, it was at the least discourteous.

I also have been informed that you closed the July 20th meeting to the City but continue to provide to the neighborhood your misinformation that the project is behind schedule.

It has become apparent to me that for this project we cannot delay the meeting any longer because as long as confusion remains tempers will continue to flair. Therefore, I have instructed Olsson Associates to proceed with arranging a public information meeting with the neighborhood and not wait until a meeting can be coordinated with or through the SSCCO. This meeting has been scheduled for July 27th, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Park Middle School. After the discussion at this meeting, it is my hope that the confusion about this project will be eliminated. I would hope that after this meeting the relationship with the SSCCO will return to the cooperative one that existed before this project.

I would appreciate your cooperation in this matter by working together to resolve the problems.

Yours truly,


Allan Abbott

Director of Public Works/Utilities

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cc: City Council, Marc Wullschleger, Lynn Johnson, Steve Masters, Gary Brandt, Olsson Associates

Memo

To: City Council
From: Steve Masters, Lincoln Public Works 
CC: Lin Quenzer, Ernie Castillo, Allan Abbott, Gary Brandt, John S. Olsson (Olsson Associates), Roger Figard, Nicole Fleck-Tooze
Date: July 20, 2004
Subject: Salt Valley Relief Trunk Project-(Phase IIb & IIIa)

Considerable effort is being expended to complete this challenging project, in a manner that leaves the pipeline alignment in as good or better condition than existed when the project was initiated. A proactive citizen information activity began in January 2003.

Arrangements had been made for project staff to meet with the South Salt Creek Neighborhood Organization on July 13, 2004. Without any discussion with Lincoln Wastewater System or Olsson staff, the Organization cancelled this meeting.

Our Project Team has scheduled a meeting with invitations to adjacent property owners for July 27, 2004. The purpose of this meeting is to review concerns and progress that leads to the conclusion of this project. For your information, attached is a summary of our contacts with the Organization and individuals in preparation and during this project.

Please note the following:

- Page 1. The project schedule discussed on September 23, 2003 shows the construction project beginning in mid-2003, continuing into late 2004.
- Page 1. Substantial completion and final completion of the project are anticipated as November 15 and December 15, respectively.
- Page 2. Between January 2003 and March 2004, members of the project team met with the Organization six times, participating in their meetings.
- Pages 2 through 5. Provide responses to various comments that have been made about the project.
- Pages 6 through 8. Summary of individual contacts regarding progress of the project.

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Information & Talking Points - Salt Valley Relief Trunk Sewer (PhIIb & IIIa)
July 19, 2004

General Project Information and Project Status

Length of this Phase: From Haymarket Park on North to 4th & Rose on south end.

Project provides additional capacity to Salt Valley Trunk Sewer Drainage basin –
 Reduces risk of backups in So. Salt Creek Neighborhood as well as providing add'l
 capacity for future growth in south, southeast, and southwest Lincoln.

Olsson Assoc. & Black Veatch – Design & Project Inspection – Olsson's lead on project
 inspection.

Current Contract Completion Dates

November 15 – Substantial completion

December 15 – Final completion

Contractor appears to be on schedule to meet these dates.

Schedule Provided at September 23, 2003 Public Meeting w/neighborhood

South Salt Creek Project Schedules

PROJECT	2003				2004				2005			
SVTS Phases IIb & III												
Design												
Bidding												
Construction												
Pioneers Water												
Design												
Bidding												
Construction												
3rd and "A" Overpass												
Design												
Bidding												
Construction												
Landscaping												
Salt Creek Bridge At "A" Street												
Design												
Bidding												
Construction												
4th Street Corridor Design "A" to "J"												
Design (Functional)												
Final Design												



General Construction Start Dates in Area:

- Feb 2, 2004 – Tunneling/Boring started at 'C' St.
- Mar. 5, 2004 – Tunneling/ Boring on 4th St. completed with bore at 'A' St.
- Mar. 18, 2004 – Open Cut Trenching operation began on 'D' St. to 'A' St portion of the project

- Mar. 30, 2004 – Open Cut Trenching operation began on 'J' to 'B' St. portion of project.

Public Info: - In addition to above neighborhood meetings & schedule-

- Public Meetings were held:
 - Jan. 28, 2003
 - May 20, 2003
 - Sept. 23, 2003
- Updates were provided at neighborhood association meetings
 - July 8, 2003 – Tues.
 - Aug. 12, 2003 – Tues
 - Mar. 9, 2004 – Tues
- The project team was scheduled to attend a meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 2004 but the neighborhood association canceled that meeting.
- Prior to start of construction door hangers (fliers) were placed on residents doors in the immediate area of construction and included contact names and phone numbers of contractor, Olsson's Assoc. staff.

General Construction Issues & Responses to D. Walker Letter & Comments

- **Comment - Construction in 4th St. & So. Salt Creek Neighborhood was to be done in 60 days from start of construction in area**
 - Do not know where Mr. Walker got this information for this project. No one on the project team can recall or remember ever making that type of statement or promise.
- **Areas along 4th St. in So. Salt Creek Neighborhood have been "dug" and "re-dug"**
 - General - Tunneling and Open-Cut excavations typical of large diameter trunk sewer installations
 - Groundwater dewatering wells were installed prior to tunneling and pipe installation
 - Tunneling and installation of pipe at street crossings occurred next.
 - Open Cut Trenching and installation of large trunk sewer pipe in between the tunneled locations followed.
 - (If the installation did not meet the specifications requirements, the contractor would might be required to re-dig the line and re-install to pass the specified requirements.)
 - Contractor chose to re-dig three (3) locations between 'E' & 'A' St. due to contractor's concern that pipe would not pass inspection requirements.
 - Once the main trunk line was installed, connections of existing smaller lines to the new line at specific locations were made. These connections have been

plugged until the tunnel thru Con-Agra is completed. Plugs will be removed once line is accepted and ready for service.

- **Remaining Construction – Major Items**

- Removal of remaining Groundwater wells in 4th St. area. Many of these wells have already been removed.
- Installation of Conduits for Fiber optic communication cables. Installation planned to begin the week of Jul 19. In 4th St. corridor From 'J' St. to south end of project.
- Re-construction of Storm Sewer at 4th & 'E' St. – Redesigned to better serve drainage for area. To begin July 19th.
- Any dig-ups req'd to meet specifications and final acceptance by City.
- Aggregate surfacing for roadways along 4th St.
- Replacement of removed Street crossings and asphaltic roadway surface between ' F ' & ' G ' St.'s are scheduled to be replaced with aggregate surfacing.
- Replacement of removed sidewalks that crossed streets with asphaltic concrete sidewalks.
- Replacement of private drives etc. removed due to construction with aggregate surfacing.
- Possible repair of some waterlines crossing 4th St. To be done by the City.
- Final Clean-up as required

- **Groundwater Wellheads and danger of children falling in.**

- Contractor secured caps on remaining wells with screws and duct tape. The pipes are 6" in diameter.
- Electrical service to wells has been disconnected and remaining wires and electrical boxes are being removed.

- **Gutter buddies should be removed and are unnecessary – Storm sewer inlets**

- Gutter buddies are used to trap sediment before it enters the storm sewers.
- Gutter buddies are part of the NPDES stormwater permit compliance for this project.
- Hay bales were tried on the corners near inlets for this purpose but the hay bales were either run over or stolen.

- **Storm Sewers have been plugged by sediment etc. from runoff**

- City will conduct Internal TV inspection of storm sewers for plugging. If determined to be plugged the sewers will be cleaned.

- **Muddy Streets**

- When 4th Street has been muddy, contractor has cleaned the mud that they may have left behind on the adjacent paved streets
- Some of the mud on the streets is sometimes from drivers going through road closed signs.

- **Drainage**

- After rain events, contractor is required to pump out standing water that does not drain to the inlets.

- The Health Department inspected the site and found no dangers of West Nile as a result of standing water
 - Street and side ditches will be graded to drain to inlets.
- **Contacts with handicap residents in the 4th St. construction area and access for these residents**
- Handicap resident @ 4th & 'F' St. (Jim) - During construction, Olsson's and Contractor's Supt. Contacted this individual to discuss access issues and concerns that individual had with access and construction concerns.
- **Need to remember - It's still a construction site. . .**
- Streets and sidewalks remaining will not be completed or cleaned until construction is complete
 - At completion, 4th Street roadways will be a rock surface.
 - Currently, at all intersections in this 4th St. area, where there was hard surfacing and was removed for construction, will be replaced with rock surfacing.
 - The portion of the existing asphaltic roadway from "G" to "F" on one side and a portion of the other side that was removed, will be replaced with rock surfacing.
- **Summary of some recent contacts with Danny Walker -**

Danny Walker had a meeting with project team member prior to Mr. Walker's letter sent to Steve Masters. He also attended public meetings and updates at the neighborhood association meetings.

Following the letter to Steve Masters, John Olsson and LaDawn Capek Sperling with Olsson Associates and Charlie Wilcox with the City, met with Mr. Walker. This meeting occurred on June 29, 2004 and was primarily information gathering about his concerns. Mr. Walker was told that a follow-up meeting would be necessary to address his concerns.

June 28 – July 8. - Several messages were left for Mr. Walker during the timeframe from June 28-July 8. Mr. Walker did not return phone calls. On June 28, members of Olsson Associates staff and Ernesto Castillo – Urban Development Dept. attended the Mayor's neighborhood roundtable. At that meeting, a meeting was scheduled with Mr. Walker for Monday, July 12 at 10:30 a.m. The plan was to meet at 427 "E" Street (Mr. Walker's home). When Randy Moses and LaDawn Capek Sperling arrived to meet with Mr. Walker, he wasn't home. A message was left on his machine and a business card in his front door.

July 12 - Mr. Walker addressed the City Council concerns about the project. Mr. Steve Masters – representing PW&U – answered questions of the Council at that meeting and indicated that a meeting was to be held with the So. Salt Creek neighborhood group on the nite of July 13. Mr. Masters also told the Council that representatives of PW&U would be attending to discuss and gather information from residents at that meeting.

July 13 - On Tuesday, July 13, the project team was scheduled to update the South Salt Creek neighborhood association about the progress of the project. Another member of the association left a message at Urban Development informing them that the meeting

was postponed until the next week. When LaDawn Capek Sperling contacted Danny Walker later that day to get details for the rescheduled meeting, Mr. Walker informed Ms. Capek Sperling that the City and members of the project team would not be invited to the rescheduled meeting. After Mr. Walker mentioned that it is difficult to find a free location for a meeting, Ms. Capek Sperling offered a conference room at Olsson Associates for the project update. Mr. Walker said he would consider that and indicated that he would call to arrange a project update after the neighborhood association meeting.

Log of some of the contacts in 4th St. area during construction - Attached

2/20/2004	Jan Yost	343 'J' Street	Resident was concerned about vibration of the house and loss of water pressure.	Mike Mandery (Wastewater) and I spoke with Jan at 12:30 p.m. We informed her the vibration would be temporary and the loss of water pressure when Griffin Dewatering used water from the fire hydrant. We assured Jan that we would not use water from her house.	Randy Moses will follow up with a visit to the residence before Garney site is opened up a 'J' Street.
2/27/2004	Squires	343 'G' Street	Griffin Dewatering need the cars parked along 4th Street to be moved.	Dave Lane (Griffin Dewatering) contacted the residents at 343 'G' Street to ask if they will move the cars parked along 4th Street. The residents informed Dave the cars will be moved by Monday (3/1/04).	If cars are not moved by Monday we will contact the residents again.
3/11/2004	Squires	343 'G' Street	Griffin Dewatering need the cars parked along 4th Street to be moved.	Dave Lane (Griffin Dewatering) informed me on Monday morning that the cars parked along 4th Street were not moved. I contacted Ernie Castillo (City of Lincoln). Ernie informed me that he would contact the Southwest Team Captain to look into having the cars moved by tomorrow. By 4:00 p.m. the cars were moved.	No follow-up required if cars are not moved by tomorrow. If cars are parked along 4th Street.
3/23/2004	Sarah	300 'F' Street	Resident is concerned about the alley being blocked between 'F' and 'G' Streets on 4th Street.	Sarah called Roger Krull (Wastewater) to discuss the alley being blocked along 4th Street between 'F' and 'G' Street. Roger informed her that access was available to the alley off of 3rd Street.	I attempted to visit with Sarah at her residence and was unsuccessful. I will call and set up an appointment to discuss the situation.
3/24/2004	Sarah	300 'F' Street	Resident is concerned about the alley being blocked between 'F' and 'G' Streets on 4th Street.	I met with Sarah to discuss the street closings around her house. I informed Sarah that 'F' Street would be closed for approximately 3 days in a month or two. I informed Sarah that she would have access to her alley off of 'G' Street.	No follow-up required.
4/10/2004	Gary Taylor	3rd & H	Resident was concerned with the street closing around his house.	I talked over the phone with Gary concerning the street closings and informed him that he would have access to his house throughout the project. Currently Gary has to drive down 'G' Street to 3rd to reach his house. During the open cut through 'G' Street Garney will give access to the residents in this area access from 'H' Street.	No follow-up required.

12/2004	Cedar Hollow Foods	Between 'F' and 'E' Streets	Concerned about access for delivery and pickup.	I met with Steve of Cedar Hollow Foods to discuss the access to his facility. Steve was mostly concerned because nobody had talked to him about the project and he saw all of the street closings. I informed Steve that we would maintain access to his facility throughout the duration of the project, but for the specifics we would need to include Garney in the conversation. I set up a meeting between Steve, Mike Atkinson, Dave Lane (Griffin) and myself to discuss the situation.	Meeting on 3/17/04
15/2004	Door Knockers	A' and 'B' Between 3rd and 5th Streets	Contractor distributing information.	Mike Atkinson (Garney) and myself distributed the door knockers between 3rd and 5th Streets at 'A' and 'B' Streets. Next week we will distribute the door knockers at 'J', 'H' and 'G' Streets.	Follow-up required as residents call.
24/2004	Cedar Hollow Foods	Between 'F' and 'E' Streets	Concerned about access for delivery and pickup.	Mike Atkinson (Garney), Dave Lane (Griffin) and myself met with Steve to discuss the access to his facility. While Garney is open cutting 'F' Street, Mike is going to maintain access to Cedar Hollow Foods from 'E' Street. Steve was concerned that the intersection at 4th and 'E' was not big enough for truck traffic. Mike informed Steve that he would place some rock in the ditch to allow the trucks through this intersection. After Garney has backfilled through 'F' Street Mike is going to open this up to traffic and Steve will be able to get his trucks done 'F' Street while 'E' Street is closed.	Mike Atkinson and myself will info Steve approximately one week before 'F' Street is closed. We will communicate with Steve during the duration of work in the area of Cedar Hollow Foods.
6/2004	Jan Yost	343 'J' Street	Resident was concerned that the discharge pipe was in our easement and it would be there only during the construction activities around her house. I also informed her that the 60" sewer pipe is going to be approximately 30 feet to the east of her house. I told Jan that Garney would be moving their equipment down to 'J' Street on Monday.	I talked with Jan and told her that the discharge pipe was in our easement and it would be there only during the construction activities around her house. I also informed her that the 60" sewer pipe is going to be approximately 30 feet to the east of her house. I told Jan that Garney would be moving their equipment down to 'J' Street on Monday.	Follow-up will be required next week when Garney starts construction activities at 'J' Street.

2/29/2004	Jan Yost	343 'J' Street	<p>Resident was concerned that Jan again that the pipe will be installed approximately 30 feet to the east of the stockpiled 60" pipe would her house. The stockpiles of soil would be here only temporarily until the be the permanent location of backfill operations could be completed. We also informed Jan that 'J' Follow-up will be required when J the pipe. Resident was also Street would be closed for three days starting tomorrow. Jan was concerned with all of the concerned that there would be no access to her house. We informed her that she would have to go west on 'J' Street to get into and out of her house. Jan was upset with this inconvenience but there is nothing we can do about it.</p>
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Combined Weed Program

City of Lincoln

June 2004 Monthly Report

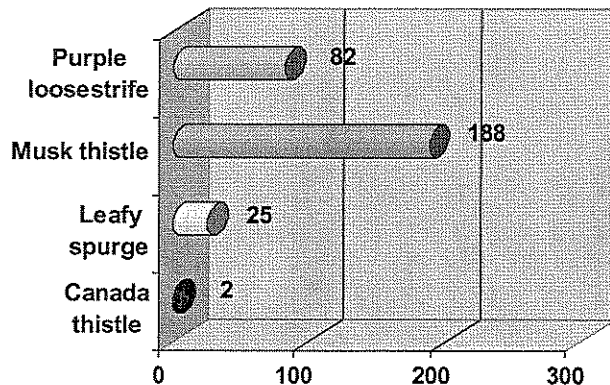
Inspection Activity

2,507 inspections on 1,338 sites have been made to date. 1,106 inspections were made during the month.

- 24 force cut by contractors
- Cutting is pending on 206 sites.
- 1,025 complaints received on 816 sites.

Noxious Weeds

- Made 666 inspections on 371 sites on 1,829 acres.
- Found 287 violations on 321 acres.



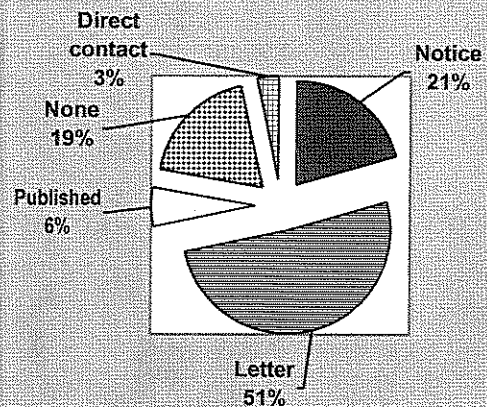
- Found no violations on 81 sites.
- 9 sites controlled by inspectors.
- Sent 32 notices, 201 letters, 9 trace cards and made 54 personal contacts.
- 114 control plans have been received.
- 126 sites controlled by landowners.
- 1 site forced controlled by contractors
- Control is pending on 131 sites.

Weed Abatement

- Made 2,017 inspections on 1,034 sites on 740 acres.
- Found 813 violations on 499 acres.
- Found no violations on 217 sites.
- Sent 236 notices, 584 letters, published 68 notifications and made 38 personal contacts.
- 590 sites cut by landowners.

INSPECTION SUMMARY

2,017 Inspections of 1,034 sites



JUNE Activities

- 1 Budget hearing 9:30 Rm 113
- 4 Environmental Trust 10:00 Kearney
- 12 Mgt Team Mtg 7:30
- 30 Monthly activity report

Planned JULY Activities

- 8 Mgt Team Mtg
- 26 LPWMA Tour
- 29 LPWMA Meeting
- 31 Monthly activity report
- State fair committee

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President
City Council
City Hall

Dear Councilman,

Our company has submitted a proposal to city government to purchase all ATV,s and dirt bikes held at the city impound.

- The impound being out of the loop, so to speak, have very little accountability to the Department of Transportation or the Mayors Office, let alone the City Council.

We have investigated impounds to some extent. We know they have definitely inflated their accounts receivables, to improve their annual operating statement. Some of the ATV's on the computers are not even there. A scam is also going on as follows, I know this happened, how many times, I'm not sure.

An ATV is stolen, a kid runs up an alley away from police, jumps off and runs. The vehicle is impounded as abandon, no stolen report is filed.

Someone within the impound contacts a friend, gives him all the information from the computer. He may file a stolen vehicle report, then simply gets a fake bill of sale, comes to the impound and claims the machine. These units are expensive, \$3,000 to \$7,000 dollars.

I've tried to get the Mayors Office or the Department of Transportation to investigate this abuse, to no avail.

ATV Sport Parts, Inc.



Paul L. Sweeney

Mid Atlantic Rep.

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Baltimore, MD 21223



Joan V Ray

07/19/2004 09:21 AM

To: "Karl Pister" <kpi@cct.condor.de>
cc: council@ci.lincoln.ne.us
Subject: Re: Greetings from Germany

Dear Mr. Pister: We have received your message in the City Council Office in Lincoln, Nebraska. We don't have maps of our area, but I can give you the address of our Lincoln Tourism Council:

<http://www.lincoln.org/>

If you go to that website, you'll find all sorts of helpful information and contact options.

We hope your visit to our community is a most enjoyable one.

Joan V. Ray

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"Karl Pister" <kpi@cct.condor.de>



"Karl Pister"
<kpi@cct.condor.de>

07/19/2004 06:58 AM

To: council@ci.lincoln.ne.us
cc:
Subject: Greetings from Germany

I am employed with Lufthansa Airlines and would like to take vacation in your wonderful country. Could you please send me information and maps for me.

I'd like to thank you in advance for you.

Sincerely yours

Marco Wagner

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65520 Bad Camberg
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Comment or Question:

Please oppose cutting the monies to connect the downtown bike trail. 160,000 in federal matching monies would be lost if the council decides to cut the city park and rec. capital improvement budget. Lincoln has a strong cycling and walking/running portion of its citizens. Downtown and Antelope Valley development would be impeded by this cut as well as quality of life in the city. If this proposal is brought forth on the 19th, please oppose it.



Joan V Ray

07/19/2004 11:02 AM

To: <ksoden@alltel.net>

cc: <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>

Subject: Re: Parks & Recreation Capital Improvement Budget Cut

Dear K. Soden: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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<ksoden@alltel.net>

07/19/2004 10:58 AM

To: <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>

cc:

Subject: Parks & Recreation Capital Improvement Budget Cut

Greetings,

It was recently brought to my attention that the City Council is considering cutting funds from the City Parks & Recreation Capital Improvement Budget. It is my understanding that these funds would go to help improve the trail system in our city, specifically near downtown.

Our city's trail system is very important to me and my family. As an avid cyclist and regular bicycle commuter this concerns me. I ride the 12 miles round trip from my home to work downtown nearly every day of the year utilizing our city's trail system wherever possible. By not driving my car I am not contributing to this city's traffic congestion problems or downtown parking problems. I am not creating pollution and I am keeping myself healthy. In addition I spend a considerable amount of recreational time on our trail system with my family.

While I truly appreciate our existing trail system, the trail system near downtown needs much work to connect existing trails together making them truly useful. A loose collection of trails are far less functional than a connected trail system that actually allows people to use the trails to get somewhere without competing with cars on our streets. These improvements will encourage more people to ride instead of driving their cars. Cutting funds from our trail system is the wrong decision.

Regards,

Kelly Soden



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Comment or Question:

I would like to have an answer to my question I sent in three weeks ago, "Where has all the money gone? I am asking where has all the money gone from all the new homes and service centers gone? I have lived in Lincoln for almost 50 years and I am driving on the same roads that we here when I moved to Lincoln.

I am watching the meeting as I write as I do most Mondays, I watch land owners and builder come in and say they do not want to pay the cost improvements but the city said they have to. Where has all this money gone to? How is it that we are \$75 million dollars behind if the land developer have been paying into the city for the roads, etc.?

I have written the Mayor, but she does not care to answer her mail, I have written you as a whole and have yet to hear from you. I would have liked to have known ahead of what I just heard that you are going to approve the bonds today and not give people the chance to come down and talk either for or against. Why the rush, the city has not cared to explain where the money has gone, so why the rush to get the bonds before the people now?

I will be voting against the bonds as will most of my friends who have been asking the same questions, "Where has all the money gone?" Please take the time to write me an answer and explain where the funds have gone. I believe that the voter deserve an answer from the city, now what needs to be funded, but where all the money has gone that should have been in the street/road building fund.

I would hope you would hold off with the election until the Nov. Election and take the time between now and then to write answers to people like me who write and want the answer to, "Where has all the money gone?"

I know I will be working to inform the people I come into contact with not to support the bonds until I get my answer back.

I will be looking for your answers, one from each of you would be nice.

Ed Schnabel



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Name: Mike Fitzgerald
Address: 3794 H St.
City: Lincoln, NE 68510

Phone:
Fax:
Email:

Comment or Question:
City Council Members,

I am sending you a copy of a letter (below) I have sent to Bob Ripley. I will also send copies to Mayor Seng, the Parks and Recreation Department, Woods Park Neighborhood Association, and the Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance.

We would appreciate your assistance in assuring that park space lost to the Health Department expansion in Woods Park is not lost from the general central Lincoln area. I look forward to visiting with you about this.

Sincerely,

Mike Fitzgerald, President
Witherbee Neighborhood Association

475-2333 nc@necattlemen.org (office)
486-4073 seven_f_ranch@juno.com (home)

July 19, 2004

Chairman Ripley and Members of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board:

As representatives of the Witherbee Neighborhood Association (33rd to 56th, O to Randolph), we are writing to request that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board do all within its power to assure that any land in Woods Park that will be converted to the Health Department expansion be replaced in the central area of Lincoln.

We believe it would be wrong to transfer assets from this center part of Lincoln to another near the edge of town. To do so would set a precedent in which further expansion of Health Department facilities would transfer even more of the assets of the center part of town to the edge of Lincoln. Such a transfer should not occur now or in the future.

Guidelines in the city's Comprehensive Plan may suggest that only an additional "mini-park" is merited in the Woods Park and Witherbee neighborhoods. However we believe the expansion of the Health Department in

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Woods Park is a unique situation that is not included within the comprehensive plan guidelines.

The Woods Park Neighborhood Association (WPNA) and the Witherbee Neighborhood Association (WNA). Further, WPNA and WNA representatives met July 12 with Parks and Recreation Department director Lynn Johnson to express our request that all parties involved (WPNA, WNA, Parks and Recreation Department, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, City Council and the Mayor's Office) work to assure that park assets lost to the Health Department expansion remain within this central area of Lincoln. The meeting was constructive and we look forward to continuing discussion on the topic.

If appropriate, representatives from WNA and WPNA would like to attend your 4:00 p.m., August 5 meeting to discuss this issue. Doing so would be timely and helpful in advancing discussion on the topic because the next regular WNA meeting will be held later on August 5 at 7:00 p.m. If including this topic on your agenda is agreeable, please contact Mike Fitzgerald 486-4073 (home) or via email: seven_f_ranch@juno.com.

Sincerely,

Witherbee Neighborhood Association:

Mike Fitzgerald, President
3794 H St., Lincoln, NE 68510

Darrell McGhghy, Secretary

Josh Sovereign, Treasurer

Mary Morin, WNA Woods Park Subcommittee Chair

CC: Mayor's office
City Council
Parks and Recreation Department
Woods Park Neighborhood Association
Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance



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To: Tim Harris <tharris@unlnotes.unl.edu>
cc: Lincoln City Council <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
Subject: Re: Proposed P&R Improvement Budget Cut

Dear Mr. Harris: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

Joan V. Ray
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To: Lincoln City Council <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
cc:
Subject: Proposed P&R Improvement Budget Cut

Dear City Council Members,

Please do not cut the proposed \$160,000 out of the City Parks & Recreation Capital Improvement Budget.

I'm a bicyclist and one who regularly uses Lincoln's various trails. I have long been anticipating the improvements of the trail system near downtown to include the connecting trails made possible by the Antelope Valley Project, and I know many other trail users feel the same way.

This would be an especially bad decision, because it would also mean the loss of matching federal fund -- well over a \$300,000.00 loss total.

Many people have worked hard over the years to get these trail ideas made possible, and it would be a shame to see those ideas and dreams vanish.

Again, please vote no on the proposed budget cut.

Sincerely,
Tim Harris
4832 Garland #9
Lincoln, NE 68504

"Shortsighted men...in their greed and selfishness will, if permitted, rob our country of half its charm by their reckless extermination of all useful and beautiful wild things." -- Theodore Roosevelt

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Coleen Seng
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Dear Mayor Seng:

Today Aquila announced that it has reached agreement with insurers and is initiating the process to terminate two prepaid natural gas supply contracts that Aquila Merchant Services had entered into with the American Public Energy Agency (APEA) based in Lincoln. Aquila Merchant Services is an unregulated part of Aquila's business that we are exiting and, as required by regulations, has always been operated separate and apart from our regulated utility business in Nebraska.

Please be assured that the actions announced today will have absolutely no effect on the regulated natural gas service that we deliver in your community. No changes in our operations or workforce will occur as a result.

Our focus in Nebraska has always been to provide all of our customers with safe, reliable utility service. In the spirit of service, I have been advised that AMS is offering to make arrangements for an alternative gas supplier who can continue supplying natural gas to APEA, and is prepared to provide the necessary assistance to ensure a smooth operational transition.

These actions are a key step toward Aquila's long-term goal to return the corporation to an investment-grade rating and further strengthen the company's financial resources as we continue to provide reliable, customer-focused service.

We appreciate the opportunity to be a partner in serving your community. You can depend on Aquila to continue to provide safe, reliable natural gas service, just as we've done for nearly 75 years in Nebraska.

Attached for your information is a copy of today's news release announcing the settlement. If you have any questions or would like more information regarding this issue or our operations in your community, please feel free to contact me at 402-437-1725, community relations manager Mary Simmons at (402) 437-1850 or field operations manager Don Nordell at (402) 437-1779.

Sincerely,

Steve Pella
Vice President
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Mark Bowen
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Sincerely,

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Woods Park Neighborhood Association

City Council Members:

Due to the expansion of the Health Department into Woods Park, valuable heart of the city, park land is being lost. We are aware of the requirement that park land must be acquired to replace this land, on a dollar per dollar basis.

It has been brought to our attention that there is vacant land for sale in the adjoining neighborhood. The Woods Park Neighborhood Association would like to go on record to strongly support the purchase of the property at Randolph Square. This land is in the Witherbee Neighborhood. We know that the Witherbee Neighborhood Association also supports this.

We think this is a not to be missed opportunity to acquire centrally located park land for the community. We implore you to direct all of the monies derived from the Health Department expansion to the acquisition of the property within the Witherbee Neighborhood.

Thank you,

Woods Park Neighborhood Association



Michael James, President

CC: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Witherbee Neighborhood Association
Mayor Coleen Seng
Parks & Rec's Dept

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Comment or Question:

Dear Council Members - With the recent validation of Petition Signatures forcing you to reconsider the smoking ban, I assume that it will be extended to a vote by the people of Lincoln. I believe I read that you will consider the issue on August 2nd and then if you don't change your stance, decide when to put it on the ballot. PLEASE make it a priority to get this vote before the people in November. The issue has been floating out there for way too long already to move it back to the May ballot. I am quite sure that you are ready to move forward on this issue, whatever the outcome might be. Thank you for your consideration, Craig Hoffman



Joan V Ray

07/21/2004 01:47 PM

To: "Mark Hesser" <mhesser@pinnbank.com>
cc: <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
Subject: Re: \$75 million dollar bond issue and special election

Dear Mr. Hesser: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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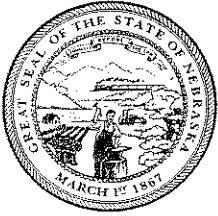
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To: <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
cc:
Subject: \$75 million dollar bond issue and special election

Thank you all for your support of the resolution on the \$75 million dollar bond issue. While I am sure some part of the proposal was potentially a stumbling block for each of you, your willingness and foresight to put to overall infrastructure issue on the ballot through a unanimously passed resolution is appreciated. Now we just need to get it passed. Your efforts are appreciated.

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State Executive Director, MADD
800 South 13th Street
Lincoln NE 68508

Dear Ms. Reynolds,

As per our recent phone conversation I wish to reiterate the Commissions' current position.

Requesting legislative changes to Neb. Rev. Stat., Sec. 53-132 are being considered by the Commission. As of yet, no draft is completed.

It is the commission's duty and past practice to recommend legislative changes in a letter sent to the legislature. Any proposed changes to Sec. 53-132 will be a part of the letter. Proposed changes should be finalized in late Fall.

If you have any other questions or comments, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

NEBRASKA LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION


Hobert B. Rupe
Executive Director

HBR:tf

*Need to change
"shall" to "may"*
FYT
[Signature]

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City Council Members
City Council Office
County-City Building
555 South 10 Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear City Council Members:

I am writing on behalf of the EMS, Inc. Board of Directors in reference to Lincoln Fire and Rescue's request to increase their ambulance rates.

In compliance with our contract, we have conducted a comparability phone survey to document rates for EMS providers in cities of similar population and geographical area. The EMS, Inc. Board of Directors reviewed both our comparability survey and the one provided to us by Lincoln Fire and Rescue. Attached with this letter are both surveys and a one-page comparison outlining the range of rates for various levels of emergency calls. As you can see, based on this information, the proposed rate increase is within the range charged by comparable cities.

We feel this information complies with our commitment to confirm the rate increase is reasonable in reference to the fees for services.

Please contact our EMS, Inc. staff if you have questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Dale Michels, MD
EMS, Inc. Board President

Encl.



CITY OF LINCOLN NEBRASKA

June 18, 2004

EMS Inc.
Joan Anderson
5625 O Street, Suite 11
Lincoln, NE 68510

Lincoln Fire & Rescue
Mike Spadt, Fire Chief
1801 "Q" Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508



402-441-7363
fax: 402-441-7098

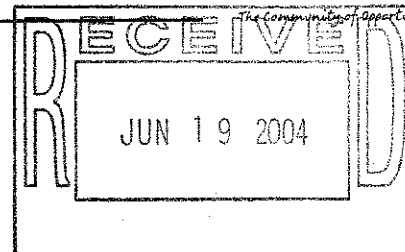


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Dear Ms. Anderson:

Lincoln Fire & Rescue is requesting that our rates be adjusted upwards on September 1, 2004, as outlined in the table below. The current rates have been in effect since January 1, 2004. The purpose for the rate adjustment results from the increased cost of doing business during this time period. The key inflationary indexes have increased as follows (see attached tables):

- **Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers:** The overall CPI has increased 2.3 percent for the previous 12 months ending in April 2003.
- **Consumer Price Index – Medical Component:** The overall medical component of the CPI has increased 4.7 percent during the same time period.

	Proposed	Old Rates	% Change
BLS Non-Emergency	337.00	323.00	4.3%
BLS Emergency	450.00	432.00	4.2%
ALS 1 Emergency	558.00	535.00	4.3%
ALS 2 Emergency	595.00	570.00	4.4%
ALS Non-Emergency	537.00	515.00	4.3%
Special Medical Service Team	595.00	570.00	4.4%
ALS Paramedic Intercept	275.00	275.00	0.0%
ALS Treat & Release	270.00	260.00	3.8%
Team Transport	81.00	78.00	3.8%
Mileage	8.85	8.50	4.1%
Standbys:			
Paramedic Ambulance Team	78.00	75.00	4.0%
Bike*Paramedic Team	59.00	57.00	3.5%
Paramedic Event Team	59.00	57.00	3.5%

Our intent is to have our benchmark annual adjustment be equal to or less than the overall CPI plus 2 percent. If you need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sherrie Meints

Sherrie Meints

cc: Mike Spadt, Fire Chief
Don Herz, Finance Director
Rich Furasek, Assistant Chief of Operations
John Huff, Assistant Chief of Support Services

EMS
AMBULANCE FEE COMPARABILITY

Agency	Contact Name	Emergency ALS	Emergency BLS	Mileage Charge	Standby's	ALS Intercept Charge	ALS treatment/no transport	Other Subsidies
Lincoln F.D.	Sherrie Knudsen	\$558 - ALS 1 \$595 - ALS 2	\$450.00	\$8.85	\$78 - ambulance \$59 - bike or event team	\$275.00	\$270.00	--
Grand Island F.D.	Chris Hoffman	\$500.00	\$420.00	\$11.00	N/C	\$500.00	\$225 + supplies	None
Omaha, NE F.D.	Chief Mark Lane	\$406.85	\$303.85	\$5.47	N/C	\$283.25	N/C	None
Des Moines, IA F.D.	David Keenan	\$500.00 - ALS 1 \$500.00 - ALS 2	\$500.00	\$7.00	--	N/C	\$150.00	Private
Sioux Falls, SD Rural Metro	Mike Stuhr	\$656.00 - ALS 1 \$776.00 - ALS 2	\$500.00	\$6.00 (out of city)	\$75.00	\$315.00	\$255.00	Private
Kansas City, MO MAST	Rebecca	\$615.00	\$615.00	\$10.00	\$150.00	N/C	\$175.00	None
Rochester, NY Rural/Metro	Kathy McCabe	\$643.75	\$386.25	\$9.79	Negotiated per event	\$540.75	\$281.25	None
Norfolk, VA F.D.	Capt. Doll	\$342.00	\$181.00	\$5.75	Overtime pay, averages \$48/hr.	--	\$75.00	None
Baton Rouge, LA Acadia Ambulance	Loddie Resnick	\$425.00	None - ALS only	\$8.00	--	--	N/C	None
Hialeah, FL AMR	Christina	\$380.00	\$330.00	\$7.50	n/c	--	--	None
Bakersfield, CA Hall Amb.	Darlene Dennison	\$700.00 - Base	\$524.00	\$21.00	--			None
Madison, WI F.D.	Bill Christman	\$350+ - resident \$500+ - non-resident	--	\$5.00	--	\$200.00	--	None

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Agency Name	Population	Medicare GPCI (Geographical Practice Expense)	CAAS Accred.?	Contact Name	Contact Name Position	Contact Phone	Number of Annual Billed Transports	Provide E and NE?	Number of Medic Units	Fire Dept or Private?	Crew Members on Medic Unit	Number of Employees	Engines
Lincoln Fire	225,000	0.877					Approximately 12,000	Emergency Only	11 total, including reserves	Fire	1 paramedic, 1 EMT	300, 150 are paramedics, 30 EMTs. Rest are not EMTs	14 Engines with 1 paramedic on board
Plano, Texas	219,486	0.880	Yes	Christen		972-941-7159	7,000 Blaine 17,000 no trans.	Emergency Only	9 including 1 in reserve	Fire	1 paramedic, 1 EMT		11 with 1 Paramedic on board
Omaha, Nebraska	371,291	0.877		Jim Love	Assistant Chief	402-444-5700	16,000 - 17,000	Emergency Only	14	Fire			
Des Moines, Iowa	191,293	0.876		Jim Fox, Bus. Mgr. David Keenan, EMS Chief	Business Manager & EMS Chief	Jim: 515-283- 4273, David 515- 283-4929	8,618			Fire			
Leorado, Texas	209,000	0.880		Mr. Benavides	EMS Director	956-795-2153	17,000	Emergency Only	8	Fire			
Baton Rouge, LA, East Baton Rouge Parish (County)	227,818	0.870		Tom Harris	Public service coordinator	222-389-5155	40,000 dispatches, 25,000 are transported	Emergency Only	6 24 hr units 6 12 hr units during peak times	Only EMS, Not part of the Fire Dept	2 paramedics per unit	120 paramedics on the street, others in office positions	
Lexington, Kentucky, Fayette County Response	320,000	0.866		Pat Todd	Billing Manager EMS Chief (Ttodd@grand- island.com)	1-859-278-2213	20,000 calls, 14,000 billed	Emergency Only	7	Fire	also have 1 student or EMT on board for training	478 employees, 150 are paramedics	21 Engines, 9 are ALS
Grand Island, Nebraska		0.877		Terry Leslie		308-385-5301	2,500	Emergency & Non-E	2 front line, 8 total	Fire	2 paramedics if available		Paramedics on board engines
Kansas City, MO "Maest"	441,574	0.825		Martha Hoover		816-300-2412	75,000	Emergency & Non-E					

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ALS 1 E	ALS 2 E	BLS E	Standby Rate	Standby Personnel	Urban Mileage Charge	ALS Intercept	ALS Treat & Release	Budget Amount	Amount Received from User Fees	Amount Received from Taxes:
\$ 558.00	\$ 585.00	\$ 450.00	\$78 for Ambulance, \$59 for Bike or Event Team	1 paramedic, 1 EMT	8.85 \$	275.00 \$	270.00 \$	\$22,000,000 is Fire/EMS Budget, \$2,000,000 is collection amt	100%	\$
\$425 Residents, \$500 non-resident	\$455 Residents, \$530 non-resident	\$380 Residents, \$455 non-resident	\$36 each paramedic, \$72 for 2)	Charge is per Paramedic	7.00	None	None	\$2,000,000. This would make the budget 2.8 ml if it's 70% of collections	30%, or \$40,000	
\$ 385.00	\$ 445.00	\$ 285.00	None	Paramedic & EMT	5.00	None	None	EMS budget is 8.5 million	4.7 million	3.8 million
\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00			7.00	Do Not Intercept	\$ 150.00	18 million (Fire & EMS)	2 million	16 million
\$ 400.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 300.00	Fees depend on OT pay they pay out		7.00	Charged at the transport rates	\$75 on any call not transported (BLS and ALS)	4.4 million	1.5 million	1.5 million
425 base rate + supplies, (method 4 blders)	425 base rate + supplies, (method 4 blders)	425 base rate + supplies, (method 4 blders)	No charge for public events, if private event, fee depends on type of request	Depends on type of event, they have Suburbans with 1 paramedic & bag, bike teams, off-road carts... for LSU home games, they will send 2 units, 4 bike teams of 2 people each team, 2 carts and 1 trailer.	8.70	They are county wide and so they do not intercept with anyone. The NE service (Acadian) for that community is also ALS	No charge if released	10.6 million	50% or 5.3 million	50% or 5.3 million
\$ 310.00	\$ 439.00	\$ 310.00			570.00	Do not provide	Do not charge		25%	75%
\$ 550.00	\$ 635.00	\$ 450.00	\$30 per medic, plus \$8.00 for the ambulance		11.50 \$	500.00 \$	235.00	1.4 million	1.1 million	\$300,000
\$595 inside Kansas City, \$615 outside Kansas City	Same rate for all emergency calls	Same rate for all emergency calls	\$125 per hour. Add \$10 per hr for each bike if used. \$47 for Event team	EMT & Paramedic	10.00	Do not do intercepts	\$ 175.00	Need to call Larry Plased @ finance, 816-300-2413	?	?

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Tax Dollars per call	If LFR received this for 12,000 calls:	Tax Dollar per call reasoning:	Additional Comments	Additional Comments	Full ALS E charge with Tax Subsidy	Full ALS 2 E charge with Tax Subsidy	Full BLS E charge with Tax Subsidy	
\$			NE Rates: BLS NE \$337, ALS NE \$537.	No Tax Subsidy Received. All rates are proposed rates to be in effect on 9-1-04	\$	\$56.00	\$595.00	\$450.00
\$120.00	\$1,440,000.00	\$840,000 divided by 7000 calls	3 private ambulance companies for NE: Dallas, F/M, AMR	68-70% of pay comes from user fee revenues	\$545 for Residents, \$620 for Non-Residents		\$500 for Residents, \$575 for Non-Residents	
\$223.53	\$2,682,360.00	3.8 ml divided by 17,000 Transports	User revenue represents approx 55% of budget	1998 user revenue: 2,076,006, Budget approx 3.7 ml; 1999 user revenue: 3,540,776, Budget approx 6.4 ml; 2000 user revenue: 2,700,877, Budget approx 4.9 ml; 2001 user revenue: 3,614,646, Budget approx 6.5 ml; 2002 user revenue: 4,654,579, Budget approx 8.8 ml	\$	618.53	\$668.53	\$518.53
?	?		Does not have Budget for EMS and Fire separated		Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	
\$88.24	\$1,058,880.00	1.5 million divided by 17,000 transports	8 private Non-E companies		\$	488.24	\$538.24	\$388.24
\$212.00	\$2,544,000.00	5.3 million divided by 25,000 transports			637 + Supplies	637 + Supplies	637 + Supplies	
?	?				Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	
110.33	\$1,323,960.00	\$300,000 divided by 2,719	These are their proposed rates to be increased October 2004		\$	660.33	\$746.33	\$560.33
?					Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	

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**LFR COMPARABILITY STUDY
FEE RANGE**

July 2004

BLS -	\$295 - \$500
ALS1-	\$310 - \$558
ALS2 -	\$439 - \$635

**EMS, INC. COMPARABILITY STUDY
FEE RANGE**

BLS -	\$181 - \$615
ALS1 -	\$380 - \$700
ALS2 -	\$380 - \$700

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July 20, 2004

Lincoln City Council
County-City Building
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: *Resolution No. 452*

Enclosed is Lincoln Airport Authority Resolution No. 452 stating that no tax levy should be made for airport purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004.

Sincerely,

AIRPORT AUTHORITY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Larry D. Maresh'.

Larry D. Maresh
Deputy Director for Administration

LDM/lb

Enc.

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RESOLUTION NO. 452

WHEREAS, current airport revenue appears adequate to fund airport operations, including debt service, during the 2004 – 2005 fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, the Airport Authority has funds sufficient to pay the required payments into the 1999 Bond Fund or Reserve Fund and Airport Bonds, Series 2002 A and B Bond Fund, or Reserve Fund during the 2004 – 2005 fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, the balance remaining with the Airport Promotion Fund should be reappropriated for authorized expenditure by the Authority without an additional levy of tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of the Airport Authority of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska:

Section 1. That the Chairman is hereby authorized and directed to certify to the governing body of the City of Lincoln that no levy should be made for airport purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004.

Section 2. That the Chairman is hereby authorized to inform the Mayor and Council for the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, that no levy is required for the Aviation Promotion Fund for the coming year. The balance in the fund should be reappropriated.


Section 3. The Secretary shall attest the foregoing certificate and request.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board held on the 20th
day of July, 2004, at which a quorum was present and voting.

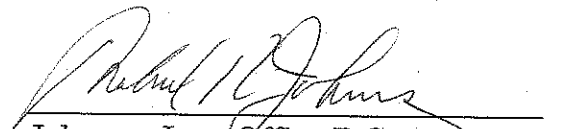
ATTEST:

AIRPORT AUTHORITY OF THE
CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA


Secretary


Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Johnson Law Office P.C.
Legal Counsel for the Airport
Authority of the City of Lincoln, NE



Joan V Ray

07/22/2004 12:01 PM

To: "Karl Zinnecker" <karl.zinnecker@woodsbro.com>

cc: <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>

Subject: Re: BIKE TRAILS NEED MORE \$\$ NOT LESS

Dear Mr. Zinnecker: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

Joan V. Ray

City Council Office

555 South 10th Street

Lincoln, NE - 68508

Phone: 402-441-6866

Fax: 402-441-6533

e-mail: jray@ci.lincoln.ne.us

"Karl Zinnecker" <karl.zinnecker@woodsbro.com>



"Karl Zinnecker"

<karl.zinnecker@woodsbro.com>

To: <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>

cc:

Subject: BIKE TRAILS NEED MORE \$\$ NOT LESS

07/22/2004 09:41 AM

It is hard getting around Lincoln, especially downtown from north to south. We need to make a trail from Peter Pan park to 21st and O. You cant take the 160,000 from the park budget!! Take it from someone else. Don't take it from the people who enjoy what our city has to offer. Karl J. Zinnecker

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Joan V Ray

07/22/2004 02:14 PM

To: Joan Miller <joan.miller@bryanlgh.org>
cc: council@ci.lincoln.ne.us
Subject: Re: keep Lincoln smoke free

Dear Ms. Miller: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

Joan V. Ray
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Joan Miller <joan.miller@bryanlgh.org>

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Joan Miller
<joan.miller@bryanlgh.org>
org>

To: council@ci.lincoln.ne.us
cc:
Subject: keep Lincoln smoke free

07/22/2004 02:11 PM

Please keep the city of Lincoln smoke free!
Joan Miller

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**ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS' AGENDA**

MONDAY, JULY 26, 2004

I. MAYOR

II. CITY CLERK

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JON CAMP

1. Faxed Letter from Jon Camp to Council & Mayor Seng - RE: Joan Chism-Suggestions on the 48th & O Street property - (See Letter)
2. E-mail response to Cami Hanna RE: Holmes Lake preferred 4th of July location.
3. E-mail response to Paul & Vicky Carmack RE: Opposition to the deletion of the Lux Middle School booster shuttle route.
4. E-mail response to Eva Cabrales RE: Smoking ban reconsideration/ballot timeline.

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

1. Letter from Thomas Shafer to John & Nancy Lindsley-Griffin - RE: Project No. 701764 - South 56th Street, Pine Lake Road to Yankee Hill Road - (See Letter)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Letter from Danny Walker, President, South Salt Creek Community Organization to Nicole Fleck-Tooze - RE: Land For Sale - the parcel of land (known as Broken Spoke) is located at approximately 201 West South Street - (See Letter)
2. E-mail from Tim K. Johnson RE: Ordinance wording regarding Rock sizes allowed in Public R-O-W

JON A. CAMP

Lincoln City Council

**555 S. 10th Street
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**(402) 441-8793 (office)
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TELECOPIER COVER LETTER

DATE: 7/23/2004
TO: Joan Ray
FAX #: 441-6533
FROM: Jon A. Camp
RE: Memo on Joan Chism

Joan—please distribute this memo. Also, please send a copy to Joan Chism—1640 Twin Ridge Road, Lincoln, NE 68506.

Thanks.

Total Number of Pages this Transmission: 2

To: Lincoln City Council
Mayor Seng
From: Jon Camp
Date: July 23, 2004
Re: Joan Chism--Suggestions

I received a telephone call from Joan (pronounced Jo-Ann) Chism, who lives in southeast Lincoln.

Joan expressed some suggestions on the 48th & O Street property. . .namely as a possible site for the proposed Salvation Army-Kroc Center. In Joan's opinion, this location offered a central and easily accessible area for the numerous programs that would be part of the Kroc Center. Bus access, a bus shelter, and other amenities would be readily available.

Joan also recognized that the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) might not fit with property not on the tax rolls. And, the City of Lincoln might not like to see the property withdrawn from the tax rolls.

I would like to see this suggestion included in the City's planning for redevelopment of 48th & O Streets. Regardless of whether this location is appropriate, this type of brainstorming is good for the City.



CAMPJON@aol.com

07/25/2004 08:47 PM

To: cameonhanna@earthlink.net
cc: jray@ci.lincoln.ne.us (City Council)
Subject: Re:

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Cami:

Your input is exactly what we need. No timetable has been established to decide whether to move the fireworks back to Holmes Lake. Rather I suspect the Mayor's office is waiting for similar responses to get the "pulse of the community".

Best regards,

Jon

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Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793
Constituent representative: Darrell Podany

In a message dated 7/7/2004 12:30:06 PM Eastern Daylight Time, "Cami Hanna" <cameonhanna@earthlink.net> writes:

>Jon-

>

>I heard you wanted input on the July 4th fireworks location. I would like to put a "vote" in for Holmes Lake. I have grown up in Lincoln and have always enjoyed having the fireworks celebration at that location. We now live closer to Holmes Lake and like having people over to enjoy the fireworks (with it being at Oak Lake it's just not the same).

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>Please respond if you can. I would love to know what information the decision is being based on.

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>Have a great Wednesday!!

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>Cami Hanna

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>Cami Hanna

>cameonhanna@earthlink.net

>Why Wait? Move to EarthLink.

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CAMPJON@aol.com

07/23/2004 05:46 PM

To: P4carmack@aol.com
cc: jray@ci.lincoln.ne.us (City Council)
Subject: Re: Lux Star Tran Transportation

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Paul and Vicky:

Thank you for your email expressing your concerns at the proposed deletion of the Lux Middle School booster shuttle route.

As you know, I voted against this deletion and had originally encouraged Mayor Seng to implement the route.

Please be assured that I will encourage my City Council colleagues to restore this route. I hope Council Member Terry Werner will reconsider his idea to remove this route, especially since he is an advocate of mass transit.

Finally, I encourage you and your neighbors to email City Council members to express your concerns. Safety of our school children is paramount.

Jon

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793
Constituent representative: Darrell

In a message dated 7/23/2004 12:25:31 PM Eastern Daylight Time, P4carmack writes:

>Mr. Camp,

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>My name is Paul Carmack and my oldest daughter is starting school this fall at Lux. My wife and I both work full time and we have been concerned about our daughters transportation to and from Lux for this school year. My family and I were pleased to learn that the Mayor's 2004-2005 budget included a proposal for booster routes (Lux D & Lux E). This solved our problems for transportation and relieved our worries about our child's safety before and after school. These bus routes were going to help many other families that were in the same position our family. Now, these proposed booster routes have been cut from the Mayor's budget. I am asking you to please revisit these bus routes during the budgeting process and remind your peers that this is not just a convenience for a few, but a safety measure for all.

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>Thank you and keep up the good work.

>

>Paul & Vicky Carmack
>5150 South 80th Street
>Lincoln, NE 68516
>402-486-4887 (H)
>402-458-3016 (W)

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Podany



CAMPJON@aol.com

07/23/2004 05:50 PM

To: jray@ci.lincoln.ne.us

cc:

Subject: Fwd: Re: InterLinc: Council Feedback

For CC members

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Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793
Constituent representative: Darrell Podany

----- Message from CAMP JON on Fri, 23 Jul 2004 18:49:44 -0400 -----

To: Ecabrales

Subject Re: InterLinc: Council
: Feedback

Eva:

The news was just released that the petition drive was successful. I anticipate the City Council reconsidering this matter on Monday, August 2, 2004, when all members are present. Two members will be absent next Monday.

I further anticipate that the reconsideration will fail and that the Council will call for a ballot vote during the November, 2004 general election.

Best regards,

Jon

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Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793
Constituent representative: Darrell Podany

In a message dated Fri, 23 Jul 2004 02:00:15 "GMT", DO NOT REPLY to this-
InterLinc <none@lincoln.ne.gov> writes:

>InterLinc: City Council Feedback for

> Jon Camp

>

>Name: Eva Cabrales

>Address: 2501 N St., Apt. 215

>City: Lincoln, NE68510

>

>Phone: (402) 475-2680

>Fax:

>Email: ecabrales@aol.com

>

>Comment or Question:

>Mr Camp: It's your old buddy again. Just wondered when the council members are going to decide if the smoking ban will stay. I know if that's correct, we will be voting for it this Nov. It WILL BE NOV. - Right? Will we be finding out soon? When are you all going to meet on it? Thanks for your time and patience. ecabrales



CITY OF LINCOLN NEBRASKA

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG
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July 19, 2004

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John & Nancy Lindsley-Griffin
8500 So. 56th Street
Lincoln, NE

Re: Project No. 701764 - South 56th Street,
Pine Lake Road to Yankee Hill Rd.

Dear John and Nancy Lindsley-Griffin:

I am writing in response to your letter to Mayor Seng voicing your concerns with the upcoming project on South 56th Street from Pine Lake Road to Yankee Hill Road. We are just getting underway with the design of this project and are too early in the process to have all of the answers to your questions.

Your information is correct that this project will include improving the intersection of So. 56th Street and Yankee Hill Road, which will include widening Yankee Hill Road with the addition of turn lanes at the intersections. When widening a roadway to four lanes, it is also necessary to acquire additional right-of-way. We will determine what the right-of-way needs are and if it is possible to acquire most of the additional right-of-way needed from the north side of Yankee Hill Road, thus minimizing the impacts to developed areas on the south side. Public meetings will be held during the design phase of this project to keep the home owners informed of the progress of this project.

I am sorry you were told that additional right-of-way would not be needed. Since the original Comprehensive Plan was adopted, we have learned from the shortcomings of that plan and in 2002 the plan was updated to include 120 feet of right-of-way in the corridor and 130 feet at the intersection.

I want to thank you for voicing your concerns at such an early stage. It is easier to address concerns such as yours at the beginning of a project. The designers work very hard to mitigate the impact of construction, but sometimes it is difficult to achieve so that all are satisfied. Please watch for the public meeting notices or visit the 56pinelake.com Web site for more project information.

If you have any questions please call me at 441-7837.

Sincerely,

Thomas Shafer, P.E.
Design/Construction Manager

cc: Mayor Seng, Allan Abbott, Director of Public Works/Utilities
Marvin Kraut, Director, Planning Department, Allen Jambor, Project Manager, HWS
Gary & Phyllis Hergenrader, Dick & Linda Harr
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Mayor Coleen Seng
Mayor's Office
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555 South 10th
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mayor Seng:

Roger - Please reply to these folks and indicate you are writing at the Mayor's request. cc back to the Mayor & me. Thanks! Ann

Last week we received a letter from the HWS Consulting Group informing us that the city of Lincoln had selected them to do the survey and design work for the Red Rock Lane to Yankee Hill Road street improvement project. This notification was followed by one from the law firm representing the group that will be developing the Big Thompson Creek 1st addition. We learned at an informational meeting Wednesday evening that widening of Yankee Hill Road to four lanes plus a turn lane at the intersection would be a part of the development planned for the 56th street and Yankee Hill road area. Further, we learned that additional right-of-way would be required from homeowners along Yankee Hill Road in order to meet the design criteria for the intended roadway. In 1997, the County acquired enough additional land from homeowners to provide 100 feet of r.o.w. Homeowners were promised at that time that no additional r.o.w. would be needed in the future. Obviously, we were not told the truth.

Today, the south side of Yankee Hill Road, from 56th to 70th is totally developed. Windbreaks with many mature trees protect the properties and delimit the boundaries. The north side of Yankee Hill Road currently consists of undeveloped farmland. It seems reasonable to us, given the history of what has happened in this area, that the additional required r.o.w. be taken as much as possible from the north side of Yankee Hill Road in order to minimize the impact to existing developments and trees that have been in place a long time. Moreover, it surely will be less expensive for the City to acquire undeveloped property than to pay for all the trees, the amenities they provide, and the other property damage that will occur to existing properties on the south side of the road if the additional r.o.w. is taken there.

Our plea would be that the City instructs HWS in their design work to minimize the damage that will be caused to existing developed properties on the south side of Yankee Hill Road by moving the new roadway to the north a sufficient distance so that the existing trees on the south side of the road need not be disturbed. In addition, we urge the city to proceed with r.o.w. acquisition before undeveloped property becomes developed and thus much more expensive to acquire,

Copy to Don Thomas

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John R. Griffin & Nancy Lindsley-Griffin

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Nicole Fleck-Tooze
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July 22, 2004

RE: LAND FOR SALE

Nicole:

It has been brought to my attention that there is a rather large **UNDEVELOPED** parcel of land (25 + acres) adjacent to Salt Creek advertised for sale. The parcel of land (known as Broken Spoke) is located at approximately 201 West South Street, Lincoln, Nebr.

As you well know, undeveloped land in this area is very scarce, especially when one considers the fact the parcel of land abuts the Salt Creek levee. In addition, a majority of the parcel is in fact located in the Salt Creek Floodplain.

Also, one must consider the fact that currently there is a pond located on the property due in part to the fact drainage from Standing Bear Park on occasion supplies the pond with water. I don't know if the pond could be classified as **WETLAND**.

Directly east of the property is a soccer field and Sherman Field. Also, located in the immediate area is Sawyer Snell Park.

The major portion of the property seems to have been dug out years ago because it is very low lying and has a somewhat bowl configuration.

Would it be possible the City, County and or State or the combination thereof might be interested in purchasing this property or possibly reaching an easement agreement with the current owner.

It would seem that this parcel as located would be ideal to remain undeveloped and possible be utilized as possible parkland, nature center, trail area and or storm water detention.

We constantly hear the excuse that there is no land available in this area of Lincoln. Well, here's the chance to purchase a rather large parcel.




Joan V Ray

07/26/2004 09:21 AM

To: Tim K Johnson <timkjohnson1947@juno.com>

cc:

Subject: Re: Right of way ordinance 

Dear Mr. Johnson: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

Joan V. Ray

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To: council@ci.lincoln.ne.us

cc:

Subject: Right of way ordinance

Dear All Council members:

I appreciate your ongoing efforts to improve Lincoln and its neighborhoods. One of your ordinances, however, is having some unintended effects. The right-of-way ordinance says that there be only small river rocks. I belong to a neighborhood association, '40th & A' as well as a community garden project. We have transformed several of the right-of-way areas into raised bed gardens with medium sized rocks to contain the beds. This garden not only beautifies the neighborhood but it provides educational opportunities to the community on garden practices and related topics. I invite you all to stop by and view the community garden at 11th & Rose St. to see how these raised beds would not be a problem for the neighborhood and actually enhances it. Thank you again for all your help in representing Lincoln citizens. Please reconsider the restrictions in this ordinance so that community gardens can continue to have raised beds in the right-of-way.

Sincerely,

Tim K. Johnson

4333 'E' St.

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